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Feeney to ask Hamer to act

Mr Ted Feeney, Liberal candidate for Williamstown in the coming State election, will ask the State Government to press for the release of Crown land to Altona and Williamstown Councils.

He said the Williamstown rifle range and the Truganina explosives reserve should be freely available to the district.

"Despite considerable effort by both councils and others interested in the land, the release of the two areas doesn't seem to have progressed very far," he said.

"Irrespective of the election's outcome, the local branch of the Liberal Party is now committed to the release proposal.

"If elected, the matter

would be one of my major priorities.

"We will be pressing for such a policy to be adopted by the State conference, and we will also directly approach the Liberal Government on the matter."

The Williamstown rifle range belongs to the Federal Government. Truganina reserve is owned by the State Government.

Altona Council has been fighting to gain control of Truganina for housing development since the mid-1960s. The move was approved by Mr. Hamer then, but the necessary legislation has not been passed.

No hint yet

Debate in Williams-town now centres around whether the land should be part residential, part recreational or wholly recreational.

The new Federal Government has so far given no indication of its attitude to the takeover bid from the town hall.

Mr. Feeney said yesterday he had ideas on how the two areas should be used.

"But I believe these decisions should be left in the hands of the ratepayers of Altona and Williamstown."

"Ideally, I would like to see the councils have alternative proposals prepared by consultants, and then thrown open to public debate.

"After this I would like to see the ratepayers decide — by voting in a referendum on the alternatives in conjunction with the annual council elections.

Money, too

"Maybe the land will be left in its natural state, or perhaps a combination of parkland, playgrounds and housing," Mr. Feeney said.

He sees his future role as working for the hand-over of the Crown property to local interest. "I also feel a strong case can be made for Government help in the development of the range and Truganina.



Sabahudun Mirvich wasn't very old when he won his place in history. He was the 50,000th baby born at the Western General hospital.

He was born at 8.15 a.m. last Wednesday, February 18, just under 23 years after the hospital, then the Footscray and District, saw its first baby.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Mugo Mirvich, who came here from Yugoslavia. They

A BABY MAKES HISTORY

live in Estelle Street, West Sunshine, and have three other children — two girls and a boy — all born at the hospital.

Mrs. A. Anderson, assistant matron midwifery, helped Sabahudun come into the

world. Mrs. Anderson also helped at the birth of Rod Cameron, the hospital's first baby.

The occasion brought gifts from Red Tulip (chocolates), Marquise Knitwear (knitwear gift pack), Forges, Footscray (\$15 voucher) and the National Bank Footscray branch (\$100 account to be held until the baby is 14.

• The guest of honor, Sabahudun Mirvich, with his parents and Mrs. Anderson.

Quiz to Govt on rate-cut talk

Altona Council will question the Minister for Local Government, Mr. Hunt, for details of a proposal to help young families buy their own homes.

Cr. Steve Clement, has asked that a letter be sent to Mr. Hunt, requesting details of the scheme.

The proposal stems from a State Government committee investigating residential land development.

Its chairman, Mr. Geoff Hayes, MLA for Scoresby, has recommended that the Government instigate a system of special rates to ease the burden on buyers of land and houses.

The proposal, if adopted by the Government, which has not yet taken any action on the matter, would involve local councils.

Councils and semi-Government authorities, like the Board of Works, would pay the cost of installing all services — water, sewerage, electricity and drainage.

The owners of the land would be able to repay the cost through a low-interest special rate over a long period.

"The question is, who provides the initial finance, and who ultimately pays the bill," Cr. Clement said.

"Councils and the Board of Works are hard pressed at present to find money for their needs.

"While it may be argued that a new housing development will gener-

ate finance for the two bodies, the proposal would be breaking into a new field of financial responsibility, and therefore local government should be able to examine and comment on the scheme," he added.

\$9000 FOR NEW OFFICER

A salary of between \$3500 and \$9000 is being offered to the person who wins Altona Council's newest job — the municipal recreation officer.

The job will entail initiating and co-ordinating recreation throughout Altona.

The council will draw a subsidy of \$7500 a year from the State Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation.

The director of the department has already advised of Mr. Brian Dixon's ministerial approval for this year's subsidy.

But the council has not yet made its final decision on the appointment, which has been extensively advertised this month.



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Dip into past

Williamstown — rich in history — a city with a hundred fascinating stories from the past — the pioneers, the earliest buildings, the first streets and how they were named ... The Star looks at historical Williamstown in a 20-page feature beginning on page 5.

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Stony Creek tip; then parkland?

A grant of \$1 million is being sought by Footscray Council with the eventual aim of beautification and environmental development of Stony Creek, on the Williamstown-Footscray municipal boundary.

Pensioners save \$20,730 in rates

Altona pensioners have saved a total of \$20,730 in rates so far this year.

The rate remissions have gone to 425 pensioners, who applied for the cuts through the Altona Town Hall in Civic Parade.

The total includes \$8570 remitted from the levied rate through the council's own revenue. The rest is from the State Government subsidy.

Any pensioners still wishing to make use of

the scheme must make their application before the end of March.

Cr. Les Crofts, reporting at the last council meeting, complimented the town hall staff on the efficiency of the scheme in Altona.

Pensioners are helped in completing their application forms, and they have no need to go anywhere else, the claims are lodged by the staff.

The elderly may also receive up to \$20 in a fuel allowance — or to have that amount put towards their rates.

Cr. Crofts said most people use the \$20 to help pay their rates, even after these have been cut through the remission scheme.

"Therefore, the pensioner who may have a rate bill of \$100, receives \$25 off through the State Government, and a further \$20 through the council, bringing the bill down to \$55," he said.

Altona man dies

Mr. Richard Hastings Thomas, a resident of Queen Street, Altona, for 23 years, died last week, aged 83.

Originally from a small town near Birch in the Wimmera, Mr. Thomas retired from farming and came to Altona when he was 60.

Since then he has been very active in social clubs in the area and was a member of the Altona RSL, the Altona Working Men's Club and the Altona Bowling Club.

A keen racegoer, he was a member of both the Moonee Valley and Werribee Racing Clubs.

His wife, Elleen, died two years ago. They had been married 53 years.

Mr. Thomas is survived by his children, Dorothy, Brian, Joan, Leo and Roma.

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You can study modern Greek or Italian in classes to be held by the Council of Adult Education at the North Williamstown Primary School, Williamstown Road.

Enrolments are due now. People interested should get in touch with the CAE at 256 Flinders Street, City.

Classes are: Greek I (C251) 6.30-8, Tuesdays (beginning March 2); Italian 2 (C274) 6.30-8, Thursdays (March 4); Italian II (C284), 8-9.30, Thursdays (March 4).

The classes have been arranged by Community Outreach.

The cash is being sought from the Area Improvement Fund, through the Western Region Commission.

The council adopted on Monday night, at its finance committee meeting, a list of submissions for grants from the fund.

Town clerk, Mr. Bill Swaby, listed the section under the heading of "Garbage Disposal".

He said the proposal was to use Stony Creek as a garbage disposal area which would eventually be developed into public open space.

The estimated cost of enclosing the creek was \$800,000 and the total cost, including beautification and provision of recreational facilities was about \$1 million.

The area proposed to be filled is that adjoining the creek at Somerville Road.

The wording "public open space" in the draft submission was changed on the resolution of Cr. Fred Madden (Labor) to "beautification and environmental development of the Stony Creek area".

TOWER AREA TO BE BEAUTIFIED

The Railways Department has agreed to lease Williamstown Council an area around the Time Ball Tower for beautification.

The lease will be on a monthly tenancy for a peppercorn rental each year.

The area will include about 100 square feet surrounding the tower.

The department has told council two sidings will have to be shortened before the land can be made available.

Altona Council has told Williamstown that a Board of Works planning officer should inspect the Kororoit Creek mouth surrounds and put forward a proposal for its protection.

Williamstown Council had applied to the board for the rezoning of the mouth as a botanic reserve. Councilors have agreed with Altona's proposal.

Conditions put forward by the Education Department for the annex of Williamstown High School at the dressing pavilion on the foreshore, will be discussed in council's general committee.

The annex will be used for the school's integrated studies division. Councilors have objected to the department's request that the pavilion be used "solely" by the students.

The recreation and leisure committee will look into a proposal by

the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation, Mr. Brian Dixon, to encourage cycling in the community.

Mr. Dixon has pointed out that subsidies of \$1000 on a dollar-for-dollar basis are available for cycle paths, and asks that council review policies for bidding cycling in parks.

The town clerk, Mr. John Morley, will prepare a submission for a State Government committee appointed to inquire into Local Government rating and other sources of revenue.

Mr. T. S. Mulcahy, of Park Crescent, Williamstown, has complained to council about trail bikes using roads and parks in West Williamstown.

Mr. Mulcahy has also complained that stray dogs are a nuisance to him. He says the dogs are prevalent in the Park Crescent area, "particularly after dark", and also in Kororoit Creek Road.

His complaints have been referred to the chief health surveyor.

The Dugan Cricket Club is again suffering vandalism by individuals and the State Electricity Commission.

A letter from the club to

councilors says: "Vandalism at the Dugan Reserve pavilion is occurring again, and it is no longer safe to leave valuable equipment."

"We again draw your attention to damage caused by SEC trucks being driven over the practice wickets on the reserve."

"Although new turf was laid to level the wickets, no roller was used, and they are now too dangerous to be used."

The matter will be referred to the environment director and parks superintendent for reports.

A suggestion by the Anti-Cancer Council that sporting grounds be

Town Council news in brief

made free of cigarette and alcohol advertisements, has been adopted by Williamstown councilors.

Cr. Ron Dawes, moving for the adoption, said it was wrong that places where children could improve their fitness and health should be the scene of cigarette advertising.

Crofts' 10 years hailed

Cr. Les Crofts, Altona's deputy mayor, and the longest-sitting councillor at the town hall, will celebrate his 10th year in office this month.

Mr. Kasimir Jurga, a former Altona councilor, has written to the Star-Advertiser to mark the occasion.

He says: "I have known Les Crofts for the past 15 years and have worked with him since the start of his time in council."

"It has always been a pleasure to work with him because his diligent and courageous efforts to bring better conditions to the Altona people have been eminently successful."

"Sincerely, quietly and modestly, but with dignity, Cr. Crofts has demonstrated his loyalty and abiding interest in the welfare of Altona."

"Thursday, February 26, is the 10th anniversary of his becoming Altona's first independent councillor."

"He made the shire a city, and was its first mayor."

"I hope on this occasion all people of Altona, old or new settlers, will join with me and my family to extend to Cr. Crofts, his wife and family, warm congratulations and best wishes."

"It is our fervent hope that Cr. Crofts will continue in his service to our community."

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Take a look at the interior of 'new' Williamstown RSL Club, at the corner of Melbourne Road and Ferguson Street.

There's almost double the floor space and the bar's a lot longer than it was.

Before you enter the main clubroom shown in the picture, there's a spacious foyer and new, bigger administrative offices.

And all this was done

without a break in the services provided at the club.

The new building was built around and above the old one, then the original building demolished.

The re-building means more room for more members. Almost all-ex-

servicemen are eligible for membership and the fees are more than reasonable.

Manager, Mr. Ken Duthie, is available to discuss membership applications or inquiries, either for the sub-branch or the club; or both.

Hurry-up note to Premier

Altona Council will ask the Premier, Mr. Hamer, for immediate action on Truganina explosives reserve.

Council wants the land, off Queen Street, to be passed into its hands for housing development.

A deputation to the Premier, on October 28, has still had no reply.

The group had asked that 60 acres of the land fronting Queen Street be made available for "much-needed" housing.

Mr. Hamer, when Minister for Local Govern-

ment in the Bolte Government during the 1960s, agreed that the land should be handed over to council for housing.

However, no go-ahead has yet come from the Government, which will have to legislate to legalise the transaction.

Cr. Ian Stewart, a member of the October deputation, told councilors at their last meeting he was "appaled" at the delay from the Government.

"I now have some

doubts about the Government's feelings on low-cost housing."

"This land is on our doorstep, and it could provide homes for struggling young families. I feel very strongly about it."

Cr. Ray Richards asked for the letter to the Premier to be couched in the strongest words.

"It's incredible really — Box Hill has no trouble with its development in any way, but we're lucky to get approval for a toilet."

"Perhaps a change of

Government at this election would be a darned good thing."

"If our local members of Parliament were the Government, I'm sure we would get development in Altona."

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Council supports Strand people

Mr. John Wylie, who lives in The Strand, Williamstown, has the support of the Williamstown Council in his fight to beat his \$500 rate bill.

Mr. Wylie said that when he retires soon, he will be forced to leave the home he could afford to build only eight years ago.

His combined municipal and Board of Works rates total \$900 — because he lives in a home in a highly valued area.

"In the near future, when I am receiving an income of only around \$2500 a year, my rates are likely to be at least half of that," he claims.

He says he is paying the equivalent of three ordinary rate bills in Williamstown.

Mr. Wylie first wrote to the council seeking reconsideration of his case last year.

The council wrote, on his behalf, to the Local Government Department, asking that rating be on the "ability-to-pay" system.

A letter to Mr. Wylie from the town hall explained that the council had no control over the present rating system, which was laid down on current house values by the State Government.

The reply to the council from the department said that no system other than the present one would work.

Mr. Wylie wrote to the council again last week asking for another approach to the Minister for Local Government, and for a council committee to hear rate appeals by residents.

"The committee should have power to examine and adjust blatant anomalies," he said.

Cr. Peter Lalor asked for the letter to be referred for discussion in general committee, with a report from the city valuer.

"There are other examples of unfair rates, too," he said.

"The Local Government Department's explanation for the system just doesn't ring true to me."

"How can they explain a rate of \$500 in one street

against one of \$90 just around the corner? It isn't justice.

'No control'

"If we can't find a solution with the department, then maybe a residents' action committee can — and it may just come to that."

"We may just have to ask the ratepayers to get together to fight on this one. We in council can't stir any more," Cr. Lalor said.

Cr. Graham Proctor agreed that local councils "have little or no control over property values" and hence over rates.

"We also have little or no control over land speculators or their prices."

"The purchase of land in The Strand, The Esplanade and Victoria Street, for example, is costly, and means a high value is placed on the property."

"So the rates are correspondingly high. We can't compete with land speculators and the system," he said.

Wanted — an actor cat, dog

The Altona Drama Group is looking for a potential stage star — a Siamese cat, or a Pekinese dog.

Auditions for the aspiring artist will be held at The Homestead, Queen Street, Altona at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 3.

The part requires the animal to be held, unprotesting, in the arms of an actress in the show due for production during April.

'Young' 100-year-old helps frail aged



Young Mrs. Ethel Barnes — she celebrated her 100th birthday last week — will have an exhibit in the Williamstown Art Show.

Although she has been learning sculpture for only four years, the organisers are quite proud to have her work.

They say it is significant that a person of her age should aid the cause, The Hazeldean Home for the Frail Aged.

Police warn on air guns

Police warned yesterday against the use of air rifles or air guns in populated areas, especially by people under 18.

The warning came after a man was shot in the ear with an air gun or rifle as he walked along Nicholson Street, Footscray, last week.

Mr. Drago Dwirig, of Tongue Street, Yarraville was taken to Western General Hospital where a slug was removed from his ear.

He told police that he felt a sharp sting in his right ear as he walked along Nicholson Street about 3.50 p.m. last Monday.

His ear began to bleed immediately. Senior-Detective Cyril Rennie, of Footscray, is investigating.

The warning against the use of air guns and rifles was given by the chief of Footscray police, Senior Sergeant Ted Skinner.

He said they were extremely dangerous weapons and the laws on their use were clear and firm.

No person under the age of 18 could possess an air gun or rifle without a written permit from the officer in charge of the nearest police station.

If parents gave air guns or rifles to their children as gifts, they could be charged with supplying them to a minor and the children could be charged with carrying or possessing them.

The weapons did not even have to be fired for these charges to be laid.

While they were not firearms within the meaning of the Act, the same conditions applied to their use in populated areas.

It was just as serious a charge to fire an air gun or rifle in a populated area as it was to fire a firearm in the same area, and the penalties were heavy.

If someone was deliberately shot with an air gun or rifle, a charge of malicious wounding was possible and there could be other charges if a shooting was accidental.

Sen.-Sgt. Skinner said. He added that if police saw youngsters with air guns, they immediately confiscated the weapons.

Mrs. Barnes does not admit to any personal frailty, and the experts comment frequently on the standard of her work.

She does admit to certain weaknesses. One is failing eyesight, which caused her to give up painting, her hobby of more than 30 years, and take to sculpting.

The organisers, the Williamstown chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, in conjunction with the Williamstown Council, have already received record entries for the show.

But they don't want this to deter would be exhibitors.

Mrs. A. Thorsen said yesterday there was still plenty of room for exhibits in all classes.

"We would particularly like to see more sculpture and pottery," she said.

Entries close on March 26.

Electronics at musicale

Williamstown Musicales will feature an introduction to electronic music by Peter Kahane this Saturday.

The event will be at the home of Eunice Morgan, 132 Blythe Street, Altona. Inquiries: Jeff Coster (397 6687) or Andrew Comport (92 5178).

The evening will start at 6 p.m. with a barbecue (bye food and drink).

Members and visitors will have the opportunity of performing their own specialties.

Anyone wanting to play should notify the Musicales.

Williamstown Musicales has an interest in all forms of music, and anyone with a musical interest is invited to contact the group.

It tries to cater for all interests by organising workshops and other activities.

105 kph at .120

A man with a blood alcohol reading of .120 drove his car at between 80-105 kph in Williamstown. He was fined a total of \$60 in the court on Thursday.

Johann Fiedler, electrician, of Grieg Street, Seddon, also lost his licence for eight months.

Constable Roger Brown, of the mobile traffic police, told Mr. D. Scully, SM, he followed a Ford Falcon in Kororoit Creek Road at 8.30 p.m. on November 28.

Between Victoria and Florence streets the car's speed in the 60 kmh zone was between 80 and 105 kmh.

"I intercepted the driver, Johann Fiedler, and while talking to him I noticed the smell of liquor on his breath."

"At a breathalyser test at the mobile traffic police headquarters on The Strand, Williamstown, Fiedler's reading was .120."

"I asked him his reasons for driving while over .05 and for exceeding the speed limit. To both questions he answered that I just wanted to get home."

Fiedler told Mr. Scully that night in question was "special".

"A friend had come back from overseas, and I borrowed my wife's grandmother's car to take us to the celebration."

"I didn't feel drunk going home, and in 10 years of driving I have never been charged," he said.

Mr. Scully pointed out that 105 kmh was "a pretty high speed".

Fiedler: "That was only

because I was overtaking another car at the time, and there wasn't any danger because the road has two lanes".

He said he is married and has two children.

Musical day at church

The St. John's Methodist Church, Electra Street, Williamstown, is holding a organ and trumpet recital this Sunday, starting at 3 p.m.

Five artists will be appearing on the programme, including well known organist Tim Baker and local artist Linda Ferguson.

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A new centre for advice

The Williamstown Resource Centre will open at a public meeting in the main hall of the Newport library on Tuesday, March 2, at 7.30 p.m.

The library, in Mason Street near the railway station, will be the home of the centre.

Mrs. Barbara Spalding, director of the Victorian Council of Social Services, will be guest speaker at the public meeting.

The resource centre will be a community advice, information and aid service run by a committee initially funded by the Federal Government.

CALL FROM THE GULLS

The Gulls, Williamstown Football Club supporters' group, appeals urgently for help from Williamstown people.

"We need your help right now," said the Gulls' president, Mr. George Bird.

"The Gulls have already done much for the club but they can do much more if they can get a wider base in the Williamstown community."

Gulls' membership costs \$50 (men) and \$25 (women).

Objects of the Gulls are:

- To help obtain and retain players for the club.
- Promote the WFC among local and junior bodies.

Members of the Gulls are entitled to two patrons' season tickets, two children's tickets and a special medallion, admittance to all Gull functions, freedom of the club rooms on match days while wearing the medallion; a periodical news letter; an annual general and financial report of Gulls' activities.

If you want to know more about The Gulls, ring George Bird (397 7232), Ray Marr (391 1933), Bon Stewart (397 5443), Arthur Johnson (397 5312) or Fred Holdsworth (397 7601).

To join, send your personal details, address and cheque payable to the Gulls to Mr. Marr, the treasurer, at 473 Melbourne Road, Newport, 3015.

Royal stamps go on show

Altona district stamp collectors will start the new year with a display of British stamps from Queen Victoria to George the Fifth, presented by Mr. G. Hewson.

The display will be on show at the Altona and District Philatelic Society's next meeting Thursday, February 26, starting at 7.30 p.m.

The programme includes an auction, Mr. Hewson's display, refreshments and circuit sheets.

The December and January meetings were well attended, with sales among members well up to standard.

A number of new members were enrolled in December and January, but the society is still looking for new members, particularly juniors.

December competitions resulted: Senior Display, Ray Gillis, 1; Ken Smithies, 2; Joe Findling, 3. Junior display, Jane Murrell, 1.

Visitors are always welcome and any information on the society can be obtained from 391 7134.

Mardi gras plans

A wide-ranging programme is being organised for the Bacchus Marsh Mardi Gras on Saturday, March 13.

7.8 p.m.: Frank Traynor's Jazz Band and local pop band will start with music and continue to about midnight.

8.30 p.m.: Small children to dance the cokey cokey.

9 p.m.: Sword fighting display by Kryal Castle.

10 p.m.: Organised group to display jazz dancing.

The street plan will consist of various food vans, judo display, historical display, gas balloons, children's amusements, lion park display, glider display, stage demonstrations and PA system.

There will also be art and craft demonstrations including glass blowing, a leathercraft worker, artist, potter, sculptor.

The organisers are negotiating for additions to the programme such as a visit by the 1976 Moomba queen, a display of vintage cars, static floats, ethnic dance groups and TV personalities.

Careers are her business

Ms. Peta Price is careers teachers appointed by the Education Department one of 65 full-time to high and technical schools in Victoria.

Ms. Price is a careers teacher at Williamstown Technical School.

The Deputy Director of Secondary Education, Mr. Jack Ford, said that the scheme began last year. The task of careers teachers is to develop suitable programmes in schools including teaching about careers and keeping records on students.

Mr. Ford said he hoped the careers teachers would see students into their first jobs.

\$9000 for tennis

The State and Federal Governments have approved a \$9000 grant for the construction of a tennis pavilion at Dennis Reserve.

In notifying State MLA for Williamstown (Mr. Gordon Stirling), the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation, Mr. Brian Dixon, said he department and the Federal counterpart would each contribute \$4500.

PWP events

A cricket challenge between men and women and a discussion night of welfare rights will highlight the week for members of Gellibrand Branch of Parents Without Partners.

Coming events are:

Wednesday, February 25, learn to dance, at Newport; Friday, February 27, games night at Carmen's; Saturday, February 28, party at Kay's; Sunday, February 29, cricket challenge at Gisborne, meet 10.30 a.m. behind Coles in Footscray; Tuesday, March 2, discussion night at Williamstown; Ring Elsie, 398 4425, for venues.

My City

● Laurie Slee ... WILLIAMSTOWN

Talking with a group of men the other day the matter of my interest in starting an emergency relief service came up. They enlightened my ignorance in no uncertain terms.

At least seven times in recent years someone has suggested the same idea and still the service has not even begun.

I don't mind telling you that soothed my ego and stimulated my thoughts.

The chief reason for failure to accept the need for such a service in this particular city was that there is sufficient community goodwill for this to happen without delay.

It seems, from what my friends were saying, that the local community welfare and service clubs and organisations, the council and its officers will spring into action within minutes. This is great — if it is really so.

Our city is a marvellous city if co-ordinating committees are unnecessary. With so much greed and selfishness around one is pleasantly surprised to learn of the rugged grassroots co-operation that always stands ready.

I just hope that it is not a mirage.

● Vera Wells ... ALTONA

Have you felt tired and hot when shopping in Pier Street?

Well, just take a stroll down to Logan Reserve — mostly called just "the park" or "the old homestead park."

Sit for a while and think of the memories it must hold — from the days when those lovely, shady, old trees were planted by the pioneers who built the homestead to the present.

One of my memories is of the old Russian man who used to sit for hours on the grass under the trees plunking on an old one-string fiddle, and singing to himself.

His name was Chiechanoff but everyone called him Old Chicky. On a hot day he would take a swim, clothes and all, and then return to his fiddle.

The old homestead was owned for years by Cumming Smith, of Yarraville. It had a high fence and along the Pier Street side were rows of old tram cars used by the company's employees as holiday accommodation.

The property was "normally" closed to the general public. The first time I can recall its being open to us residents was when permission was given to Mr. Eric Symonds, about 45 years ago, to conduct an outdoor New Year community-singing night on the lawns under the trees near the pier corner. A big event in those days.

Today this is our park, thanks to the foresight of a past council, and, thanks to the men who care for it so well, it's a place to be proud of.

Another lovely corner of Altona.



Teacher shortage a fact, says MLA

Teacher shortages in the west are a fact, not a myth, despite the posturings of the State Government, Mr. Gordon Stirling MLA, for Williamstown, said:

"I have only contacted two schools about their staff problems so far, but both are battling under glaring deficiencies," he said.

"So I can say that at least two schools — Paisley High, a new school by the way and Williamstown High — are short on teachers.

"This is contrary to assurances given in the Press on January 28 by Mr. Thompson to the Liberal candidate for Williamstown.

The Minister said then there would be no lack of teachers, and that even the suggestion was a myth.

"Glaring deficiencies will prevent the implementation of the two schools' full programmes."

Mr. Stirling said teachers were needed to fill senior positions as well as physical education, English, geography, commerce, remedial and practical posts.

ABOVE: Cheryl Fulcher, 22, took advantage of the weekend sunshine to bask on the rocks at Point Gellibrand. She is from Pickett Street, Footscray. Both Altona and Williamstown beaches have been given clean "bills of health" in the latest EPA pollution reports.

Support needed

All young people aged 15 to 25 who support the aims of the ALP have been urged to join the Young Labor Association by its Gellibrand Branch chairman, Paul Haseloff.

Paul stressed the increasing need for assistance in representing the views of Labor supporters. He said the immediate ways young people could assist the Labor movement are:

- Keeping well informed of the activities of the Fraser and Hamer governments and speaking out against those which threaten economic, environmental or social security.

- Assisting the development of ALP policies which reflect the views of young people.

- Participating in the election campaign to help elect a Labor Government in Victoria.

The YLA can be contacted by phoning the branch secretary, Garry Little 397 8161 AH, or chairman, Paul Haseloff, 314 6193 AH.

Surprise party for Mrs. Mills

After the monthly meeting of the Altona RSL Women's Auxiliary, a surprise party was held for Mrs. Maudie Mills, the oldest member, for her 86th birthday. One of the RSL men made the birthday cake.

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HISTORICAL WILLIAMSTOWN



THE TIME BALL TOWER EST. 1852

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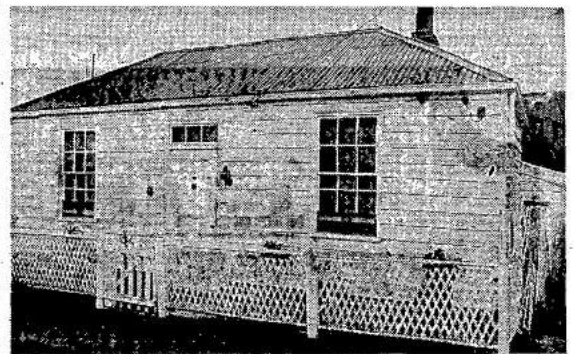
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● The cottage at 3 Cox's Gardens, built between 1851-52, and protected for future generations by the recent Historic Buildings Preservation Act.

**Storm over slow mail
—threat to secede**

Williamstown once threatened to secede from Victoria and set up a separate British colony because of delays in mail deliveries.

The move to secede was made in 1855 although agitation was going on for many years before then.

Before separation from NSW, settlers in the Port Phillip district had a poor deal in their mail services.

Voyages by sailing ships from England took four months and longer.

That was bad enough, but the ships by-passed Port Phillip Bay and went direct to Sydney.

From Sydney the mail was brought overland by mail rider or mail cart.

News from England was six months old by the time it got to Port Phillip.

To make matters worse, extra postage was charged for the overland delivery; Port Phillip settlers had to pay five or six times the normal charge.

This made the people of Williamstown hopping mad.

Gold was found in Victoria in the early 1850s. Victoria became a separate colony in July, 1851, and Melbourne got a direct and more or less regular mail service.

But it didn't suit Williamstown, the port of Melbourne. Mail was put on to a small cutter in Hobson's Bay, taken ashore at what is now Port Melbourne and moved by dray to the GPO.

This meant days of delay for Williamstown.

Public meetings were held to protest. In the chair was Thomas Mason, Williamstown's fighting postmaster, described in the Melbourne Argus as a man of indefatigable zeal.

Mason, a Londoner, had opened a general store and post office in Nelson Place opposite the present Gem Pier.

A petition about the mail was sent to England in a specially designed and printed envelope.

It failed and meetings seeking secession from Victoria were held.

But the mail service did improve and Williamstown was created a borough.

Mason became chairman of the council and later sat in the Legislative Assembly.

Work on the charming post office in Cole Street was begun in 1859 and it opened in 1860.

Any complaints about the mail?

*Ned wouldn't
'doff his hat
to the 'beak'*

Edwin Bath, the man who gave his name to Bath Place, beside the town hall, was the first offender hauled before magistrate, Captain Gordon.

IN THE 1840s Ned had committed an unforgivable sin... he hadn't doffed his hat to the magistrate.

Captain Gordon was Williamstown's first water police magistrate, and he gained a solid reputation as an unbending disciplinarian.

He was a former officer with the Royal Navy.

Bath was reprimanded for failing to remove his hat — but it made no real difference to him...

He never doffed his hat to Gordon. And Gordon never charged him for it again.

Ned arrived at Williamstown in 1838 aboard the revenue cutter, Ranger.

When the vessel was off the Pope's Eye, it helped the stranded barque Britomarte and finally got her out of trouble.

Ned, one of the boatmen aboard, received special thanks for his technical aid and good seamanship.

He settled down at Williamstown after buying the property now known as Bath Place.

Pirates

The Britomarte, the barque Ned helped free in 1838, went missing on a voyage from Hobson's Bay to Hobart in 1840.

She is believed to have been taken by Bass

Strait pirates or hured ashore by faked lights rigged up by wreckers on Preservation Island.

She was carrying a supply of copper coinage as well as her general cargo.

The Bass Strait islands in those days were swarming with desperate characters, many of them escaped convicts.

Piracy, wrecking and hovelling were very common, and quite a few vessels disappeared. The cutter Vansittart searched for the Britomarte in vain. Although traces of the ship were found in suspicious circumstances, nobody saw the captain, crew or the passengers again.

**THE CONVICT
LOTTERY**

The history of transportation of convicts to Australia is a web of interlocking influences and conflicting interests. It is often a tale of short; brutish events but times were naturally hard as 157,000 convicts laboured to build a new colony.

This Friday, "The Age" publishes a double page lift-out called "The Convict Lottery".

Packed with illustrations, it examines the crimes and punishment and the penal settlements — the prisons within a prison land; the hopes, aspirations and influences of the Governors; and the Maconochie experiment, credited with evolving many basic tenets of prison reform.

Beer over the water

The transport of beer by sea to Williamstown began in the very early days of white settlement — there are records of it back as far as 1840, less than five years after settlement began.

And it is known that before this, beer had been shipped from Tasmania to Williamstown, with alternative supplies coming in by sea from Sydney Town.

After the Marine Penal Stockade became brewery, there was a regular trade between Williamstown and Port Melbourne (then Sandridge) and Melbourne.

Two small steamers, the *Hope* and *Clyde*, carried most of the beer in the early stages.

One David Buchanan and Peter Wilkins bought the *Clyde*, a tug, in 1872 to cope with the trade.

She was built in 1867 and was replaced as a tug by a larger, clinker-built vessel launched from the Williamstown yard of William White in 1883.

Another boat used in the beer trade was the *Amy*, owned by Peter Wilkins and later by his widow, Mary.

The *Amy* had a varied career and played many roles in old Melbourne and Williamstown.

TO 'CUP'

These included, in addition to the beer trade, taking crowds up the Maribyrnong River to

Flemington Racecourse for such events as the Melbourne Cup.

She was also used to carry Sunday School picnic parties to the dense scrub that existed on the Port Melbourne side of the river, opposite Newport.

Another tug engaged in the beer transport trade was the *Acis*, a smart little vessel with a green-painted hull and tall, thin funnel.

Her skipper was Gus Hotopp and she was easily recognised when fighting her way up the Yarra against the current by the dense, black smoke that billowed from her funnel.

The *Prince Alfred*, built at Williamstown in 1867, was another vessel to carry kegs of beer.

Others were the *Mystery*, built locally in 1876, and the iron steamer, *Spec*.

However, the vessel best known in the trade at that time was the 'Williamstown Beer Boat' — her registered name was *Oscar* — owned by well-known churchman John J. White.

This vessel was originally built at Footscray,

as a wooden steamer, in 1874 but her engines were never really powerful enough for what she was intended.

When one of the other beer transport, the *Pilot* became a total constructive loss while attempting to salvage the Cape Verde wreck, her engines were transferred to the *Oscar*.

CEASED

In later years the brewery at the stockade ceased production and became a store for Carlton and United Breweries.

It was at this time two new names entered the list of beer boats, the *Minah* and *Agnes*, owned by McBain and Morwick. They operated from Gem Pier.

The *Agnes* was lost during the 1930s when, after being converted to a fishing vessel, she ran on to a reef behind the rifle range and became a total loss.

Within a day of being lost, her remains were scavenged by nearby residents.

Even the tall, steel mast vanished, to reappear as a local flagstaff. It is still in use.

All aboard the old Packet!



The Steam Packet Hotel itself is only 115 years old, but the cellar — sporting massive timber beams — is 137.

The Steam Packet, at the corner of Cole and Aitken streets, is a direct descendant of the Ship Inn, one of the district's earliest pubs.

The Inn was built in 1839, and not long after was remodelled to become the Steam Packet.

After a fire destroyed most of the building in 1860, the hotel was rebuilt in 1861 to remain as it still is today.

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The following is a list of the buildings and monuments in Williamstown classified or recorded by the National Trust:

CLASSIFIED (MUST BE PRESERVED) —

Tide Gauge House (1860), Commonwealth Reserve.

Customs House (1874), Nelson Place.
Time Ball Tower (1852), Point Gellibrand).
Cottage (1852), 3 Cox's Gardens.
Old Morgue (1859), Ann Street.
Advertiser Building (1874), Nelson Place.
Presbyterian Manse (1857), 27 Lyons Street.
House (1851), 64 Pascoe Street.
Steam Packet Hotel (1861), Cole Street.
Mandalay (1859), 24 The Strand.
House (pre 1854), 1 Yarra Street.
Holy Trinity (1871), Nelson Place.
House (1850), 231 Nelson Place.
Drinking fountain, Nelson Place.

RECORDED (PRESERVATION ENCOURAGED) —

Allambi (1880), 70 The Strand.
Holy Trinity vicarage (1870s), Nelson Place.
ANZ bank (1877), Nelson Place.
House, 80 Electro Street.
House, formerly Mac's Hotel (1859), corner Stevedore-Macquarie streets.
Mechanics' Institute (1859) Electro Street.
Shop, 155-7 Nelson Place.
Prince of Wales Hotel (pre 1859), Nelson Place.
House, 12 The Strand.
Whitehouse (1907), 5 The Strand.
Oddfellows' Hall (1863), 26 Pascoe Street.
Williamstown Grammar School (1887), 65 The Strand.
Welsh Church (1886), Ferguson Street.
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (1871), Cecil Street.

Although the Trust gradings have no legal force, five buildings are legally protected by the recently enacted Historic Buildings Act.

They are: Mandalay, 3 Cox's Gardens, The Presbyterian Manse in Lyons Street, Tide Gauge House and 231 Nelson Place.

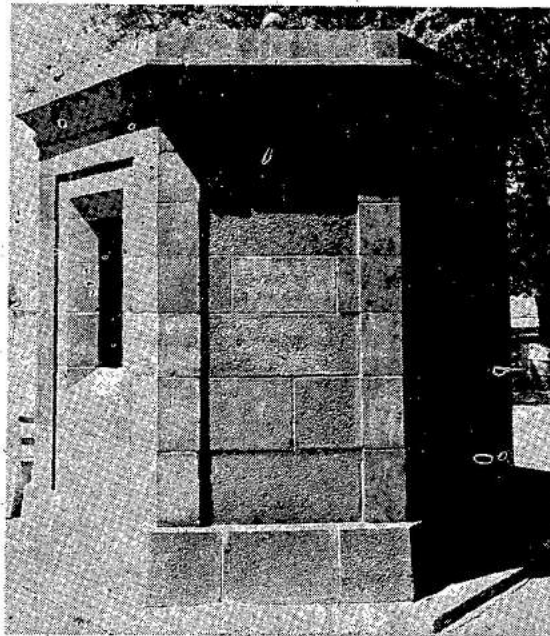
The trust is also considering classifying or recording the following buildings, after submissions by the City Historian, Mr. Bill Evans.

The Victoria Inn, Douglas Parade; the Cenotaph, Ferguson Street; the former Telegraph Hotel, Hammer Street; 6 Hammer Street; 13 The Esplanade; the Congregational Church; Stevedore Street) Masonic Temple, Electro Street; MacLean Obelisk, Ferguson Street; Craigantina buildings, Nelson Place; Battery Road retaining wall, Point Gellibrand; Rheola, Lyons Street, and the Alfred Gracing Dock, Nelson Place.

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The Trust's eye roves



● Tide Gauge House, on Commonwealth Reserve, built in 1860, is protected by the recent Historic Buildings Act.

A team of research scouts from the National Trust can be seen most weekends roving the streets of Williamstown seeking out history.

So far, Town has 14 buildings and monuments classified by the trust — the 15th, "Maritime" (1885), was demolished despite a strong fight by the trust and Williamstown's own historical society.

Recorded in the trust books are another 19 buildings, and a further 13 are still under study.

The Point Gellibrand region was first used for pastoral purposes in 1835.

The main impetus for development of the area was the need for port facilities to serve the township of Melbourne, and as the port facilities grew, so did Williamstown.

The National Trust classified list is made up of "those parts of the physical environment both natural and man-made, which, in the trust's view, are essential to the heritage of Australia, and which must be preserved."

Williamstown Council's residential code demands that new developments "must as far as possible, sympathise with the established character" of the area.

The city's strategy plan, prepared last year by consultants Gunn and

Hayball, says several streets should be conserved.

It recommends The Strand, the Victoria-Osborne streets region, Peel Street and the Verdon-Lyons Street areas be preserved for their "significant aesthetic appeal".

The strategy plan also recommends conservation of Railway Place, Railway Crescent and the Power-Court streets region.

"Williamstown has many examples of a particular form of timber housing with lacework verandahs," it says.

"The historic significance of this will increase as it is realised that this form of housing is disappearing in other seaside suburbs.

"The uniqueness of the Williamstown examples is that many terrace homes are relatively intact and structurally sound," the plan says.

The trust's policy on classification of streets or regions as a whole is for the recommendation to be presented by a local organisation — an historical society or local council.

"We don't like to butt in and suddenly announce something of this kind, it calls for diplomacy because all sorts of complications can arise," a trust spokesman told the Advertiser.

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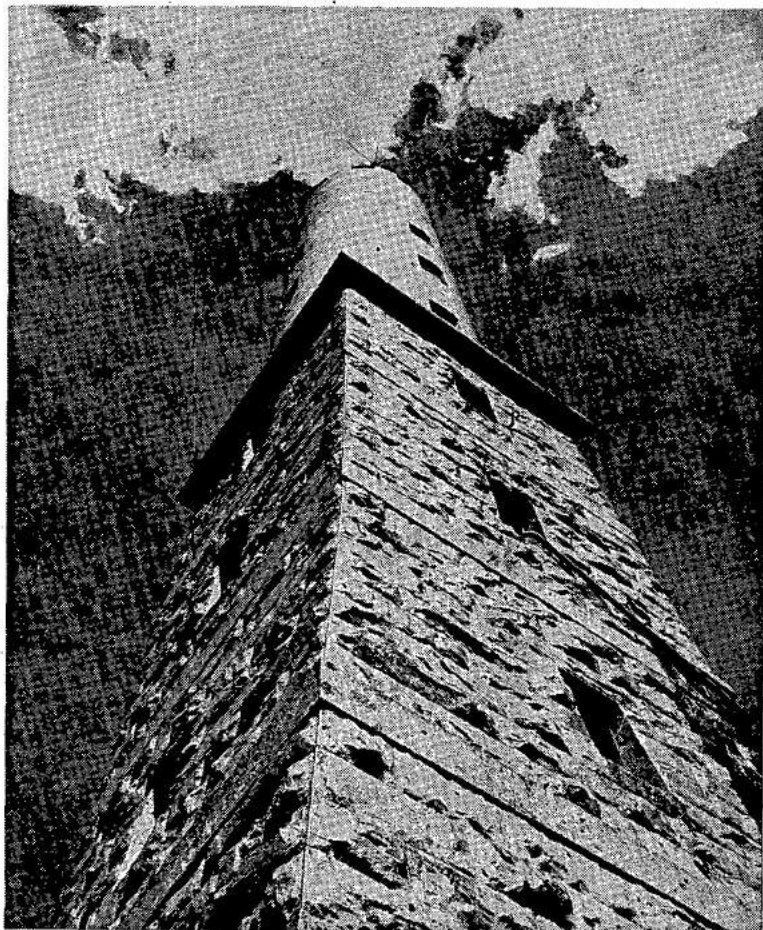
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● THE LIGHTHOUSE and timeball tower, standing near the sea, was the main landmark of old Williamstown.

Tower of history



● THIS PLAQUE commemorating Charles La Trobe was placed on the Timeball Tower last December.

Time and light

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The timeball tower and lighthouse, the most conspicuous of Williamstown's historic monuments, was a vital aid to shipping for many decades.

Shipping to Melbourne got a big boost after the discovery of gold and it became necessary to provide standard and authorised time by which ships' chronometers could be rated and adjusted.

Ships' chronometers were generally set to mean time at Greenwich — calculated in those days as a difference of 9 hours 39 minutes, 54.8

seconds behind Melbourne.

Governor La Trobe chose R. J. J. Ellery, an English medical practitioner, to set up at Williamstown and run an astronomical observatory for nautical purposes.

Ellery took up his duty in 1853. Observations for obtaining correct local time were made at the observatory at first with sextant, artificial horizon and chronometer but much more sophisticated equipment was obtained in stages.

In its time, the

Williamstown observatory was considered the best in the southern hemisphere.

It was dismantled in 1963 and all gear removed to the Melbourne Observatory, where Ellery took charge.

The signal to ships for noon at Point Gellibrand was the dropping of a ball. This was observed by telescope from the Melbourne Flagstaff, 4½ miles distant, and a ball was dropped there, too.

In June, 1854, a second kind of time signal was adopted; it consisted in eclipsing the light of the lighthouse every night at 7.58 p.m. and suddenly exposing the light at 8 o'clock.

This striking signal could be observed from considerable distances and could be seen from positions where the timeball signal was obscured by masts.

An electric telegraph linked the observatory with Melbourne in 1854.

Eventually maritime timeballs at Williamstown, Melbourne and Geelong were connected by telegraph with the Melbourne Observatory. The timeball apparatus at Williamstown operated regularly until 1925.

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Clark's big comeback

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This statue is of a man who worked for the Customs Department in Williamstown in the mid 1800s, had an argument with the harbor master, threatened to "come back as boss" — and did.

He was Alfred Thomas Clark, Williamstown's representative in the Legislative Assembly from March, 1871, to October, 1887.

The statue — larger than life — was unveiled in July, 1891, by Sir Matthew Davies, then Speaker in the Legislative Assembly. It is in Williamstown Botanical Gardens.

Clark was the son of an expert engraver, who executed several commissions for the Czar of Russia.

On arrival in Australia,

he painted a portrait of Sir Henry Barkly that became the property of the National Gallery. Alfred Clark paid for his education by painting scenery for Melbourne theatres.

He later made several voyages as a seaman and in 1857 was one of those who headed for Port Curtis when the gold rush started.

On his return to Williamstown he worked for a time with the shipchandlery of H. B. Donaldson, then joined the Customs Department.

But he came into conflict with the harbor master and resigned with the threat he would come back as "boss of the show".

He made good this threat after entering Parliament in 1871 — the first year MPs were paid — and soon became Minister for Customs.

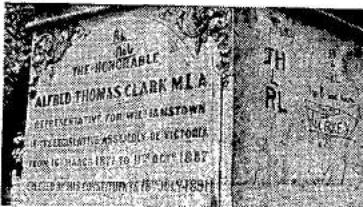
Clark died at sea in 1888 while traveling to England in the RMS Oceania.

The statue, carved from Carrara marble, was sculptured by Enrico Luccinelli working from a photograph.

It stands 22ft. 6in. high over all and is handsomely carved.

But since Clarke was placed on his pedestal, more than 80 winters have no doubt chilled him into icy recognition that public applause is a fleeting thing.

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A bad port for ships

Most geographers in the early days of Port Phillip settlement, had a poor opinion of Williamstown.

The following extract, from a book published in England more than 110 years ago, is no exception: "Melbourne is a bad shipping port — only small vessels can ascend the Yarra-Yarra, the greater number being obliged to load and unload at Williamstown."

"Williamstown stands at the mouth of the Yarra, on a low sand-flat which stretches into Hobson's Bay, and is unattractive in appearance."

"The neighboring villages of St. Kilda and Brighton are prettily situated."

The Yarra-Yarra flows into the head of Port Phillip, and has the town of Melbourne on its banks. Its lower course is navigable for vessels not exceeding 150 tons burthen, and by steamers of light draught to a distance of eight miles inland — at which Melbourne is situated.

"This portion of its channel lies between high and level banks of soft mud, which terminate abruptly on the edge of the stream, and are overgrown with mangrove and other weedy vegetation."

"The stream winds lazily along its course, resembling in appearance rather a canal than a river. The tide rises at the mouth of the Yarra-Yarra to a height of six or seven feet, its influence extending to a short distance above Melbourne."

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Scurvy hit 'Dayspring' and 21 died

The deaths of two Chinese passengers on board the ship *Dayspring* in Hobson's Bay in the 1860s, resulted in an inquest, held at the Pier Hotel, Williamstown.

The report of the court hearing, which found the men had died of scurvy (lack of vitamin C), said:

The investigation of the circumstances connected with the deaths of two Chinese named Chong Ah You and Sam Yek, resumed at the Pier Hotel before Dr. Maclean, the district coroner.

Senior-constable Minto stated that he had visited the Melbourne Hospital, where he saw Mr. William Langdon, one of the cabin passengers of the *Dayspring*.

He went there for the purpose of serving him with a notice to attend the inquest, when that gentleman observed that he was still too ill to leave the hospital, and therefore he could not attend.

Witness then obtained from the resident physician the certificate produced.

The coroner remarked to the jury that an adjournment had been made for the purpose of obtaining the evidence of desired to make any statement, Mr. Langdon, who it was supposed, from his knowledge of the Chinese language, would be able to give some important information regarding the

treatment of passengers during the voyage.

It was unfortunate that he was still unable to be removed from the hospital; and he (the coroner) had some doubts as to whether it would be advisable to again adjourn the inquiry, or close the proceedings at once.

Mr. Stephen (who again appeared for the captain), remarked that if the inquiry was to be adjourned again, it was desirable that a post mortem examination be made upon the bodies.

Several of the jurymen complained of the great inconvenience they had already been put to, and the loss they had sustained in being compelled to sacrifice three afternoons' work in attending these inquiries.

The coroner, after some hesitation, decided upon closing the inquest at once, and asked the captain if he was anxious to make a statement, but afterwards, on the advice of Mr.

Stephen, declined to do so. The coroner then proceeded to sum up the evidence, in doing so he drew the attention of the jury to all the principal points contained in the statement of the various witnesses.

'Strongly marked'

Dr. Maclean stated that he had considerable experience in scurbutic complaints among almost every race of men, and he never met with a case in which scurvy was more strongly marked than it was among the passengers on board the *Dayspring*.

He pointed out that the want of water and firewood was doubt greatly accelerated the complaint, and showed the captain's carelessness of the lives and health of the passengers and crew entrusted to his keeping.

He omitted to touch at every port on his route, where fresh provision and water might have been obtained; and even when off our own port, he neglected to hoist a signal of distress, whereby succor might have been afforded the perishing people.

The jury then proceeded to consider the evidence, and after an hour's consultation, returned the following verdict:

"We are of the opinion that the Chinamen, Chong Ah You and Sam Yek died on board the barque *Dayspring*, in Hobson's Bay, of scurvy; and we think that the captain is very much to blame in not having called in some port to obtain provisions and assistance, seeing that the vessel was becalmed for 28 days in the China Seas, and after having put all hands on short allowance."

"We are also of the opinion that the captain is guilty of gross neglect for not having called into some port after the deaths became frequent on board."

This verdict, being equivalent to manslaughter, the captain was arrested upon the coroner's warrant of committal, and lodged in the Williamstown lock-up.

Footnote: Mr. Edmund Burke, deputy-registrar of births and deaths at Williamstown at the time, reported that year, 1868, that 21 Chinese travelling on the *Dayspring* from Hong Kong, had died on board between May and September.

The captain was charged at Williamstown with throwing three of the bodies overboard — two at Queenscliff, and one in Hobson's Bay.

The magistrate, Mr. Mollison said the "third complaint, of throwing a body into Hobson's Bay, was the most flagrant offence of all, and one that must be checked".

He fined the captain £50; in default, he was to be imprisoned for three months.

Fountain graces Nelson Place

ABOVE: The intricately designed drinking fountain in Nelson Place has been dated as "about 1850", and is listed for preservation by the National Trust. It was erected in memory of the Rev. George Wilkinson.

"Prince" features iron lacework

RIGHT: The Prince of Wales Hotel, opposite the Naval Dockyards in Nelson Place, once used to sport a wrought iron lacework verandah as well as its balcony. It was built before 1859, and has been recommended for preservation by the National Trust.



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The biggest mass vault in Australia is in the Williamstown Public Cemetery in Champion Road.

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But even with 920, it is the biggest vault of its kind in Australia.

The bodies were exhumed from the original Williamstown burying ground at Point Gellibrand and reinterred in

the vault in September, 1899.

They were the unclaimed bodies. Many others were reinterred in private graves, paid for by relatives.

Included in the remains in the mass vault of the victims of the dreaded "Yellow Jack", convicts who died at sea and after

arriving, seamen and civilians.

One of the several headstones moved from the old cemetery records the deaths of a young warder, killed by convicts.

Removal of the cemetery was financed by the Victorian Railways, which wanted the land.

The Point Gellibrand cemetery had not been used for many years — the present one was opened in 1858 — and it was thought there would be only about 100 bodies to shift.

But when the contractors moved in, they found up to half-a-dozen bodies in the grave.

DAYLIGHT

The result was that well over 1000 bodies were exhumed and buried again at the Champion Road cemetery.

The removals took place in daylight, by horse-drawn carts, covered with canvas.

A few people in Williamstown remember the carts carrying the dead rattling along Ferguson Street and many more have been told of it by their parents.

Some graves at the Champion Road cemetery date back as far as 1842... they were removed from the old cemetery.

History records that when exhumations began at Point Gellibrand it was found many people had been buried as they died.

Skeletons of convicts still had the leg irons on them. A carpenter's rule was found in the pocket of clothing on another skeleton.

Coins were found in many scraps of clothing.

EMBALMED

Several leaden coffins were among those removed and what was first thought to be one of these proved a surprise.

It was not a coffin, but layer-over-layer of canvas which had been painted with a grey, lead-based paint.

It contained the body of a woman, which had been embalmed in spirit — historians think probably rum — and was in perfect condition and as hard as wood.

It was re-wrapped in the same manner and reinterred at the new cemetery.

The cemetery contains hundreds of graves of historical significance.

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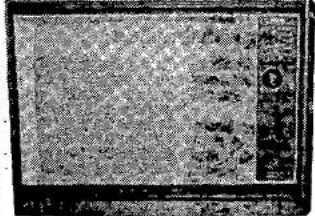
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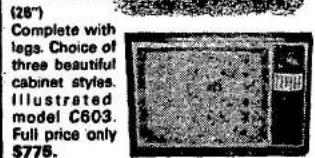
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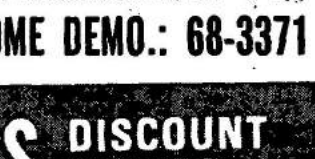
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THE GHOST OF STONY CREEK

The scene of a murder at Stony Creek became a weird place, to be avoided at all costs by people passing that way during the 1850s and 1860s.

For it was there that Augustus Dansey had battered Mathew Luck to death with a full bottle of ginger beer — and Mathew was still seen there — day and night.

James Wallace, a teacher, told the following story of his meeting with the ghost:

There lived in those days in Williamstown Thomas Sloan, the village cooper.

He had been a boatswain on board a man-of-war — had sailed every sea, crossed every ocean, and was in the habit of facing danger and death during many years.

This was true as regard danger in shape of shipwrecks and storms, bullets and bombshells, but the moment danger assumed the form of a ghost, Tom's courage evaporated, and he fled without waiting to analyse the materials of which ghosts were composed.

One fine Saturday, after it became generally known that a couple or more ghosts had established their head station at the scene of the murder at Stony Creek, and that they were on view at all hours, weather permitting, and to be seen gratis, between "the gloaming" and 12 o'clock, I had urgent business in Melbourne.

My pony, knowing it was Saturday, and likely to be a go-to-town day, rendered himself so invisible that though all my scholars, stimulated by the promise of unlimited lollies, searched everywhere, the pony eluded their search.

I took a passage in Mr. William Hall's boat that sailed regularly between Williamstown and Melbourne on Royal Mail service, and used to accommodate a limited number of passengers at the rate of what he jocularly called "a bob-a-nob" which when interpreted meant a shilling a head.

Having transacted my business, I was on my way towards Cole's wharf to take shipping homewards again in Mr. Hall's boat, when I met my neighbor Tom Sloan.

He had come around the road with his horse and cart to purchase domestic necessities, and had not yet completed his purchases.

But it would be a moonlight night, and it would save a "bob", he said, if I could wait and accompany him on the cart around the road.

Two heads

I thought to myself that my finances could afford a "bob" without feeling the privation, and that I would derive so much enjoyment on the journey by Mr. Hall's boat and its pleasant passengers, that if I were the giant Cormoran, with his two heads, I would not hesitate to pay two "bobs" for my pair of "nobs" rather than endure the slow motion of Tom's cart, over nine miles of an up-and-down track, enduring at the same

time a thousand pitches and tosses. And — what would prove equally purgatorial — to hear Tom relate for the three thousand and forty-ninth time, his adventures among the Patagonians; but all the objections that I raised were overruled by Tom, and he so earnestly besought me to accompany him that I consented.

It was dark when we crossed the Saltwater punt, but the Moon had risen sufficiently to dispel the darkness from the depths of the creek, and Tom had finished telling me for the tenthousand-and-first time his experiences and sensations during some one of his hundred sea fights, when — the horse came to a sudden halt.

We both looked forward to see the cause. But no other reason could be discovered except that we were in front of the flat, upright rock against which Mathew Luck was supposed to be sitting when Dansey commenced his butchery by striking him on the temple, leaving the mark of the blow from a bottle plainly discernible.

The bottle which upon Doughboy's evidence, they carried full of ginger-beer from the public house, and which the jury found smashed to pieces at the spot where the body lay.

Substitute

Tom lay stroke after stroke with his whip on the immovable horse. But his blows produced no effect.

He then looked around in search of some other means of making the animal move. Turning his eyes in the direction of the flat-faced upright stone he exclaimed "Dash my buttons, Wallace, look! look at that!" pointing in the direction of the flat-faced stone.

Let me here observe that "dash my buttons" was Tom's only substitute for an oath or an imprecation.

On hearing Tom's exclamation, I looked in the direction his finger indicated, and there behind the flat stone I beheld a dark body.

It bore the vague resemblance of a human figure, but was of a shadowy consistency.

Having taken a steady look at it, he asked, "What do you make that out to be?"

"I don't know; let us go and examine it."

No, dash my buttons if I do. I'd stand in front of a 20 gun battery if duty called on me, but it is no man's duty to meddle with ghosts.

As I had some years previously, by means of

books and reasoning, emancipated myself from the tyranny of ghosts, and learned to attribute all ghostly phenomena to natural causes, my conduct on this occasion did not partake of one particle of the brave or the heroic.

That cannot be heroism which in the case of ghosts, goblins and demons, springs from the utter unbelief of the existence of such being at this side of the grave.

Therefore, as I have a dislike to receive anything, desirable or otherwise, under false pretences, I beg of the reader to withhold his admiration.

Acting, then, on the firm persuasion that the shadowy phenomenon was an optical illusion, and seeing a fair opportunity of throwing Brutus, Richard the Third, and Thomas Sloan into the back grounds as far as regarded heroism, by simply walking through a ghost, which none of these heroes dare do; and in order that, when Tom would in future attempt to overwhelm me with exploits amid shipwrecks and bullets, I would be in a position to "pull him up short," saying "Yes, yes, that's all tremendously fine, Tom, but you hadn't pluck to walk through a ghost as I had" — I, actuated by this motive, went for the ghost determined to walk through it.

But the shadow, although a short distance away, receded as I advanced, and yet kept so close to me that if it were palpable I could touch it.

I resolved, since I could not walk through it, that I would shove my fist through it; but in delivering the blow I allowed my body to bend too far forward, the centre of gravity overturning the base, and I fell prone to the earth.

Inventive

When I recovered my upright position, the ghost had vanished; but the horse, not having recovered from its fright, still refused to move until released from the cart, when it suffered itself to be led up to the open plain, where it became so much recovered that it carried us both into the village.

Tom Sloan's name being on his dray, all who passed it on the day following before it was removed, required an explanation, and Tom brought his inventive faculties into operation, and heaped horrors on horrors to such an extent that were it not for the heat of the weather the awestruck listener's blood would run cold.

At length the ghost story reached the ears of that prince of wondermongers, Jemmy Green, the principal Melbourne barber, who kept a combined curiosity shop in Collins St.

One would think that when it passed from Tom Sloan's hands there would be no room at this side of possibility for improvement; but Tom compared to Jemmy, was only as the

apprentice to the master.

Jemmy so re-adorned it with additional horrors, that all who needed a barber or hairdresser's service came crowding to his shop, chiefly for the purpose of hearing him tell the yarn, and, like the proverbial snowball that increased by rolling — day after day he continued to pile up

newly-fabricated horrors.

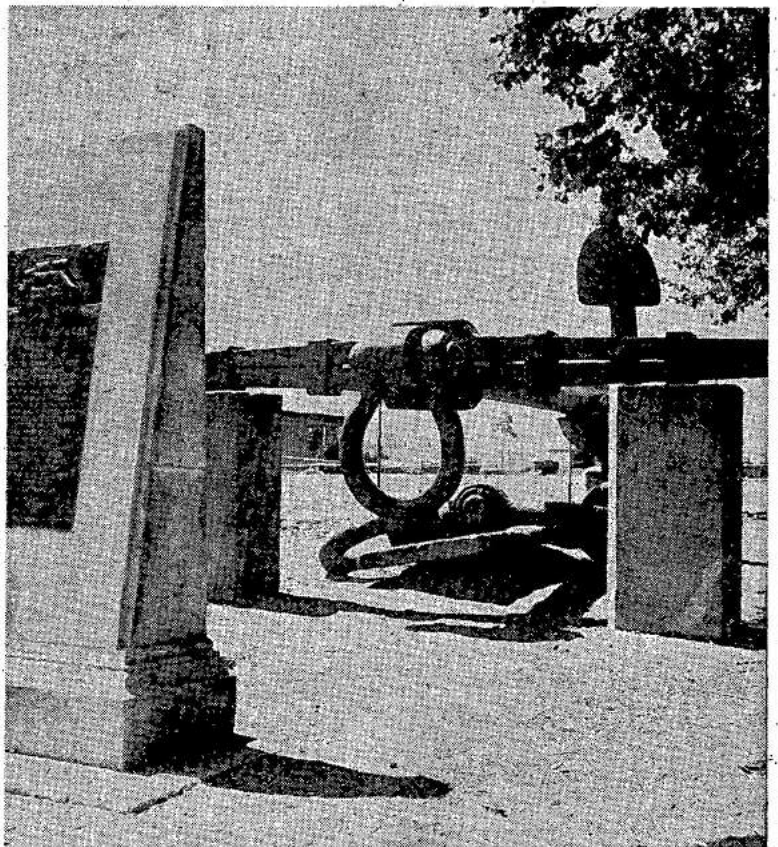
One day, happening to be in Melbourne, as I was passing Jemmy Green's shop my name was called, and on looking behind, there stood Jemmy at his door, beckoning at me with a mysterious energy.

I entered the shop and I found it crowded with the unshaved and the unclipped.

Then did Jemmy flourish his scissors in the air, strike an attitude and say, "Gentlemen, here he is now, that saw the two ghosts of Mathew Luck and Augustus Dansey."

In reply, I begged to be excused the pain of dwelling upon it; it was too horribly horrible, and, knowing the confusion such a dreadful ordeal would give rise to, I rushed out.

Anchor is a link with Trafalgar



The massive anchor and swivel on the Nelson Place foreshore is Williamstown's lasting link with the Battle of Trafalgar.

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The Nelson was the only ship-of-the-line belonging to an Australian Colony. She was a three-masted battleship carrying 126 guns.

She was similar in design to the ships fighting at Trafalgar, and in 1874 was the first vessel to enter the new Alfred Graving Dock.

When attached to the Williamstown Naval Depot, the Nelson was

officered and manned mainly by local seamen. The Victorian Government gained permanent loan of the ship from the British Admiralty, under the condition that she be used as a naval training vessel.

At first however, she was put to work as the home of boys, wards of the State. After several complaints, she was turned over to the Navy.

By the 1890s Nelson

had outlived her usefulness — she was involved in no wars and had very little work to do.

So she was shunted from Sydney and then Tasmania, and was finally broken up for scrap.

The Williamstown Vigilance Committee, a group formed to watch how council funds were spent, had the anchor and swivel erected on the foreshore in the 1930s.

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Out-of-work boatmen, smoking their pipes in the shade of the morgue, were the first sight greeting visitors landing from the steamer in the 1860s.

The sight did not impress the Williamstown Chronicle journalist of the day, and he looked forward to the new customs house (1874) which would abate the steamer landing.

Says the Chronicle in October, 1873:

"The contractor for this building (Mr. Porter) is energetically pushing on with his work. The foundations are nearly all laid, and in a short time the bricklayers will be at work."

The building, when finished will form one of the most handsome edifices to be found in the district. It is situated in Nelson Place at its junction with the entrance to the old steamboat wharf, and will extend a length over all of 71 feet along

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the former, by 65 feet along the latter.

"On the ground floor fronting the street is situated the long room, the tide-inspector's room, and the business room, while towards the pier the tide surveyor will find a place, as well as the guard room."

"At the back will be the storeroom, dining-room, kitchen &c. The pilot offices are situated on the second floor, also rooms for private accommodation of Mr. Rose, the Customs House Officer,

"The outside of the building is to be stuccoed with the best cement, and the monotony will be relieved by architectural moulding of a pretty cast. A commodious lookout is to be built on the top of the entire structure, and this will command a fine view of the surrounding parts."

"That portion of the Customs House fronting Nelson Place will be enclosed within a neat iron palisading, and provision is to be made for lighting the entrance by means of two lamps erected on stone pillars."

● Her Majesty's Customs "One of the most handsome edifices to be found in the district."

"We learn that some difficulty was experienced by the contractor in laying the foundation, it having to be built on the solid rock, and in some places a depth of 15 ft. had to be gone through before it was obtained."

The bluestone used in the foundation has been obtained from the local quarries, and reflects credit on the neighborhood.

When the structure is completed, Williamstown will display a much more creditable appearance to visitors than it did when a few unemployed boatmen smoking their pipes under the shelter of the morgue constituted the first impressive scene which met one's eye on landing from the steamer.

In connection with this work, it should in justice

be stated that every praise is to be accorded to Mr. A. T. Clark, M.L.A., for the energetic way in which he has interested himself with the Government in order to get it finished as rapidly as possible, and when the officials take up their quarters there, we have no doubt that his efforts will be recognised in a suitable manner."

This thoroughfare was previously listed as Nelson's Parade. The plan of Williamstown, 1855, locates the Customs Reserve at the corner of Thompson Street where the Craigtina building now stands. Gossett remained in office until (Circa) 1974. The new Customs House was opened for business, 1876. A. Rose had succeeded Gossett as tide inspector, landing surveyor and emigration officer. On the site of this present Customs House the first Presbyterian Church at Williamstown was held in a boat shed, 1853.



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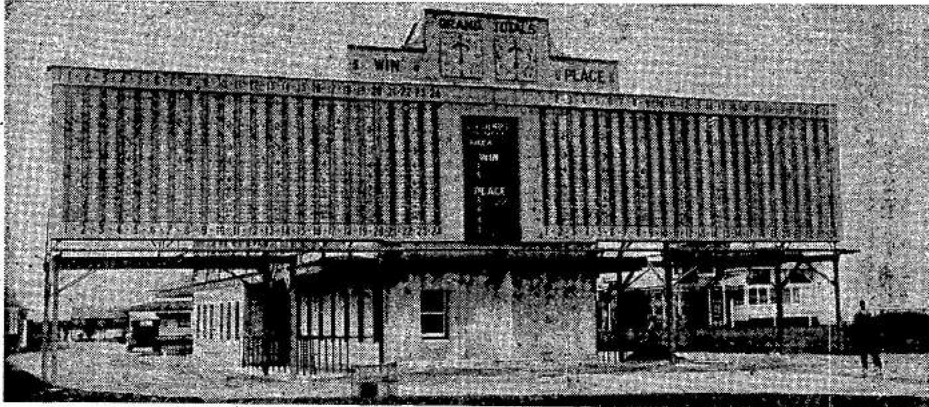
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Williamstown's "splendid homes", punt clubs and "impressive town hall" were three attractions not to be missed on a visit to the city during the 1930s.

In Information Victoria, a tourist guide published during the 1930s, Williamstown was described as an important seaside, shipping and industrial city.

"It has several good shipping centres, splendid homes, a Domestic Arts, four State and a High School, two Convents, four Banks and an impressive Town Hall," the book states.

Town could also boast of Baths, a splendid beach (popular with tourists and picnickers), a Mechanic's Institute with Library, a Children's Library, Cemetery, Racecourse, Rifle range and Botanical and other gardens.

Industries, said Information Victoria, included implement, monumental glass, canning and ammonia works, flour mills, a fuse factory and quarries.

Hobson's Bay offered good fishing, and yacht and punt clubs were available.

There were three hospitals: Newport — Sister C. Bamford in Oxford Street; Williamstown — Sister L. Flower in Lyons Street, and the Misses M. G. and M. O'Neill in Hannan Street.

Physicians and Surgeons abounded. One could choose from Dr. G. Robinson, in Douglas Parade (phone W'town 3); Dr. R. Long, Parker Street; Dr. D. Coutts, Nelson Place (Dr. Coutts was still in practice only weeks before his death last year); Dr. R. Maynard, Hall Street; and Dr.



Krantz in Ferguson Street.

Newport was served by Dr. L. Joel in North Road, and Dr. Long in Melbourne Road.

Two theatres, the Plaza in Melbourne Road, and the Williamstown, in Ferguson Street, both proudly announced they were equipped to screen "talkies".

• The main totalisator building at the Williamstown Racecourse in 1934. The old course, on the west mouth of Kororoit Creek, now belongs to Aitona, and is being developed as a sporting complex.

Case of death

Smuggling of ex-convicts from Launceston in Tasmania, to Williams town in Victoria, was common during the 1840s.

Relatives and friends or "enterprising" operators on the borderline of business, used -casks and cases to smuggle the unfortunates over Bass Strait.

More than one of these attempts ended in tragedy.

A lonely Melbourne man, described in the records as a plemann, tried to smuggle his de facto wife, Mrs. Nancy Robertson, across the Strait. He had a roomy case.

specially padded for the trip and this was shipped aboard the Shamrock. Captain Gilmour was the man in charge of the ship.

During the Shamrock's passage between Launceston and Melbourne, the smell of decomposition was noticed coming from the case.

It was opened, and Mrs. Robertson's body buried at sea.

Nancy had been very drunk when packed away in her special case.

Captain Gilmour reported the death and its circumstances when the vessel arrived at Williamstown.

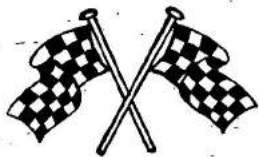
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A home built to last

Ashton Cottage, a house of rough-hewn bluestone at 64 Pasco Street, is just one of Williamstown's buildings classified by the National Trust.

The builder, Thomas Morris, was contracted by George Ashton, an officer of the Customs Department, whose title to the land was set down on parchment in 1853.

The cottage was finished in 1859, and at that stage, included three rooms and a detached timber kitchen.

When Ashton retired, listing his occupation as "pensioner" in 1888, his home had expanded to nine rooms.

His widow, Marion, was the owner in 1890, and she promptly set to and reduced the house to six rooms — re-arranging the inside walls and pulling down several outside timber additions.

The main building is built of coarse, rough-hewn bluestone, revealing excessive use of mortar which, in conjunction with movement of the soil, led to some cracking.

The cracking in the walls was in the distant past, but until stability was restored — recently, the sides were strengthened by heavy baulks of timber, bolted through.

The present owners of the property have spent both time and money to make the cottage suitable for modern living, without destroying the lines of the important early building.

Sewerage was connected in 1916, when reticulation of all Williamstown was being carried out.

Mary Elizabeth Ashton, who was the owner in 1925, was married by the Rev. Frank Lynch at a ceremony that year.

Lynch was known in the district as "The Fighting Parson".

He took part in the campaign supporting conscription during the First World War and at local recruiting rallies where fights were not uncommon.

Mary Lynch was the owner of the cottage from 1930, and it passed out of the family's hands in 1956.



• Glimpse of front of cottage. Recent attractive additions — in bluestone — keep its charming character.

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Uncle Tom's cafe

A place decorated to look like the home of one of America's black slaves of last century was probably Williamstown's first "restaurant".

Louis La Roche, an enterprising businessman of Williamstown, opened Uncle Tom's Cabin in February, 1855.

La Roche advertised in the Williamstown Trade Circular of the day that his cabin would serve all "food and drink, allowable by law."

Uncle Tom's Cabin was in Melbourne Road, only a short distance from

Ferguson Street and proved to be a very popular entertainment spot.

Professor Jackson began his lectures on phrenology — the purported reading of character and sometimes the future through the study of bumps on the head, and the shape of the head — at Williamstown in 1855.

The professor gave his talks at the Victoria rooms in Little Nelson Street, a place very much in demand for meetings.

Said the learned professor: "through the study of phrenology and a knowledge of himself, a

man, though a fool, need not err."

The fifties were the days of the Crimean War, and a doubtful wit of the time, writing in the Trade Circular about convicts noted:

"On Monday last, 315 Crimean men were taken on board the vessels (penal hulks) recently fitted up for their comfort and safety."

"Many of them appear quite young; but they are all 'tried' men, and are

not afraid of the blasting effects of powder."

"During their stay here, they are allowed to work on shore, preparing stone for public buildings and inuring themselves for future conflict. They are, however, anxious to be away."

"Their removal may bring about a death or two, where their last steps and struggles are invariably noticed in the daily newspapers."

War echoes

The Crimean War, thousands of miles away in Russia, caused quite a bit of panic around Hobson's Bay in the 1850s.

Melbourne was the clearing house for the vast and flourishing goldfields inland, and a stray raider could have caused untold damage.

So, seeing that a nine-gun battery was already under construction at St. Kilda, another was planned for Williamstown, 3½ miles away.

Midway between the two batteries, the "Sir Harry Smith" was to be anchored as a block ship, supported by the Electra.

The redoubt built at Williamstown was semi-circular, and built out into the bay. It mounted six 32-pound guns and three others of smaller calibre.

The fortified area enclosed the lighthouse.

The earthworks consisted of a strong embankment of broken stone thrown into the

water in a semi-circle until it reached above the water-line.

Inside this was a second embankment of clay, and in the cavity formed was laid a solid basalt foundation covered by a floor of puddled clay.

The thing was of immense strength when judged by the military standards of the day. On these foundations the earthworks were built.

Part of those foundations are still visible. They were uncovered by a severe storm in 1935.

The parapet was 7 ft. high, 18 ft. wide at the summit and 26 ft. wide at the base.

A magazine was constructed behind the guns and close to the lighthouse, and this was arched with stone to make it shot and bomb-proof.

Any ship trying to attack the battery by hugging the coast would have been forced to run the gauntlet of the Point Gellibrand Reef.

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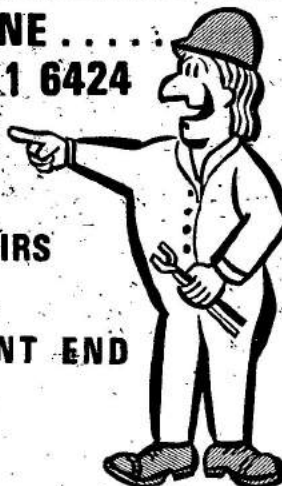
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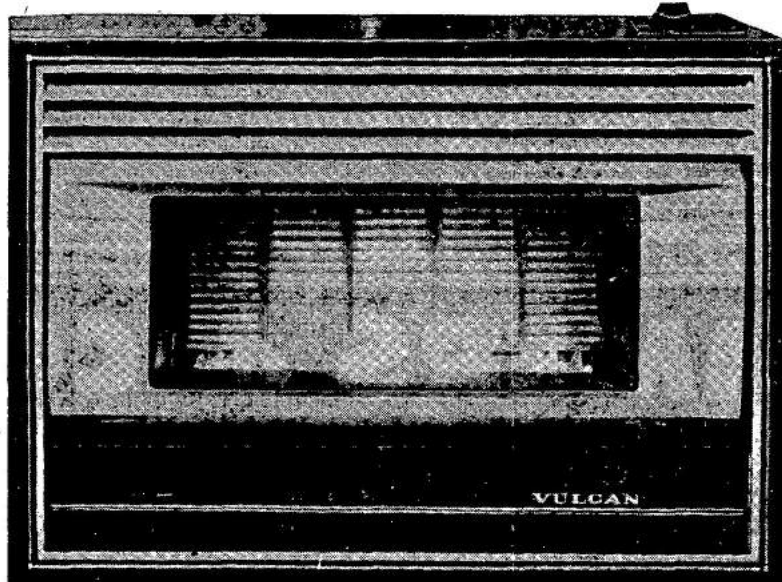
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● A drawing by the renowned early Australian artist S. T. Gill entitled "River Yarra . . . Two Gentlemen Waiting to Cross the Ferry."

Sam's gravestone was forbidden

Poor Sam Boden, who had Williamstown stonemason Edwin Bliss make a special monument to go over his grave, was refused permission to bring it into the cemetery.

The inscription on the headstone read:

"Beneath this stone Sam Boden lies,
No-one laughs and no-one cries;
Where he's gone, and how he fares,
No-one knows, and no-one cares."

Sam had ordered Bliss to carve the stone long before his death, but it remained in the monument yard for many years.

History doesn't record whether the unfortunate Mr. Boden had another headstone made that met the authority's approval.

The original, however, was eventually knocked over by accident and shattered.

Another example of Bliss' work, however, has survived.

It is the rather extraordinary Jubilee Fountain, which stands squatly in the botanic gardens off Osborne Street.

The design for the fountain was drawn by a Mr. G. Daws, of Carlton, and looks something like a Japanese lantern.

Williamstown Council had it built in 1907 to

mark the jubilee of the town's founding in 1856.

Bliss carried out the construction — a hexagonal drinking fountain with four columns of Gabo Island granite.

The fountain stands 11 ft. high and is 5 ft. 6 in. at the base.

Drinking taps were fitted to the monument, and copper drinking beakers were attached to the main structure by a heavy copper chain.

These have now been removed, along with the taps, and a bubble tap substituted.

Edwin Bliss had his workshop near the junction of Ferguson and Aitken streets.

They lit a fire to catch ferry

Anyone wanting to cross the Yarra from Williamstown during the mid-1800s had first to light a fire on the river bank.

The idea was that the captain of the irregular ferry would eventually see the smoke and shuttle over to pick up his waiting passengers. In 1837, the "Yarra Yarra" River was only 25 feet wide at its central channel, at the site of the former ferry dock at the river mouth.

It was fordable by horsemen at this point, but skiffs ran a ferry service — of sorts.

An eminent English geographer of the time dubbed the Yarra a "gutter", but even so the stream divided the growing city.

The easy access of the western suburbs. As time passed, the river was widened and deepened to allow increasingly larger ships to navigate into Melbourne itself.

Many short-lived ferry services operated from Williamstown from 1835.

These were usually irregular runs, and intermittent, and it wasn't until 1873 that Williamstown's council introduced "a reliable steam-ferry service".

In 1907, this was replaced by a more up-to-date ferry, and by 1912 there were two in operation — one working close to the city itself.

The ferries were considered inefficient, and the Public Works Department in 1912 studied the idea of a tunnel under the river.

Nothing came of the plan. The steam ferry recently retired, but as yet without a permanent home, was first launched on March 30, 1873.

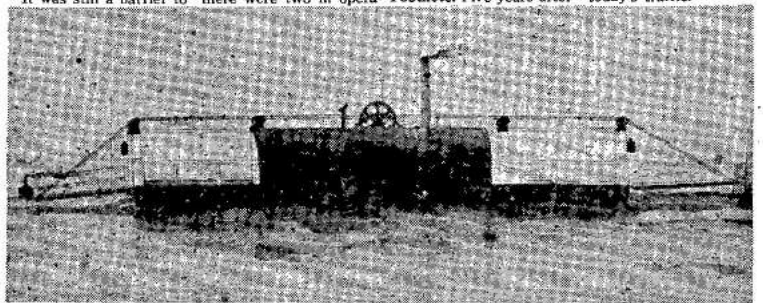
It was capable of carrying 32 vehicles. The council is divided on whether the old craft should be preserved or broken up for scrap metal.

Footnote: Five years after the new ferry was launched, the tunnel proposal was again considered, but again nothing came of the idea.

The Lower Yarra Crossing Authority now believes a tunnel "would be totally inadequate for today's traffic."

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● The "reliable steam ferry" launched by Williamstown Council in 1873 — it was the first ferry to run a regular cross-Yarra service.

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● This article by Alan Cross, taken from the Williamstown Historical Society's newsletter, recalls Port Phillip colonists' reaction to the arrival at Hobson's Bay of a ship carrying 'Pentonvillians'.

'Pentonvillians' rouse colony

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Port Phillip was founded by free settlers after transportation of convicts had receded in importance, but, as it was then part of New South Wales, it was involved in the convict system.

Soon after La Trobe's appointment as superintendent of the Port Phillip settlement, the system was abolished by order-in-council, but convicts continued to arrive — settlers on the land, squatters and others wanted them — through-out his term.

After the system ceased, transportation was continued under a reformed system: felons were called "exiles".

Young men between the ages of 18 and 25, whose sentences were not more than 15 years, after serving a term elsewhere in Britain, were taken to Pentonville, then regarded as a model prison.

They were given "model training" for 18 months, and, if they showed signs of improvement, they received conditional pardons and were shipped abroad.

They then enjoyed freedom of movement provided they did not return to Britain before the end of the original sentence.

Not free

Hence the name "exile", but in fact they were not free men, being

under sentence in their own country.

The enraged colonists of Port Phillip called these men "Pentonvillians".

The "reformed" system continued through 1844, resisted by the settlers, who had formed an anti-convict league.

When a lonely, unwanted ship, the Randolph, lumbered into Port Phillip heads with its cargo of defeat and humiliation, La Trobe sensed a crisis developing.

He intercepted the Randolph at Queenscliff, but the captain continued to sail up the bay. News of its arrival threw Melbourne into a ferment.

On August 8, 1849, the Randolph anchored in Hobson's Bay, but La Trobe forbade anyone to land and the captain was paid £500 to leave.

When another transport, the Adelaide, approached port after landing some "exiles" at Hobart, La Trobe had her turned around at the heads.

News of his action brought great feeling in his favor.

The system continued for some years but no more "exiles" came to Melbourne.

When La Trobe 'went bush'

The Governor of New South Wales, Sir Richard Bourke, named Williamstown (after King William IV) when he came to this area in 1837. He named Melbourne after the Prime Minister.

This is recalled in the latest issue of the Williamstown Historical Society's newsletter.

Captain William Lonsdale administered the Port Phillip settlement from September 1836, until October, 1839.

Then Charles Joseph La Trobe took charge as superintendent of the settlement and district of Port Phillip.

The newsletter says he set aside parks for breathing space for Melbourne.

La Trobe was interested in the Fitzroy and Botanic Gardens, the University, the Melbourne Hospital and Benevolent Asylum and the

churches.

He sought proper water supply — the Yan Yean Reservoir — and a bridge over the Yarra.

The bridge that eventually spanned it was one of the biggest single-span bridges in existence — an achievement for the pioneers.

His great delight was to "go bush" — his journal recorded 94 tours away.

The first Elizabeth Street post office, the first Customs House, government offices and Melbourne Market were opened in 1841 when he took his family to Williamstown for a fortnight's holiday.

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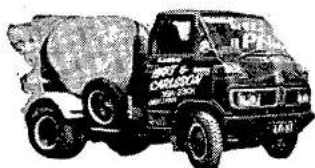
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Bill Hall left his mark

Even now, 136 years after his arrival in Williamstown, the name of William Hall, and the name he gave his home, still survive.

Hall sailed into 'Town on board the barque Andromache in June, 1840, after the long voyage from England.

He was to become closely associated with the life of the district.

Seven years after his emigration, Hall bought 100 acres of land for £11/0/11 (\$22.11).

The block extended from opposite the steam ferry to Melbourne Road near Newport railway station, and there in 1848 he built his weatherboard house complete with stone-flagged kitchen floor.

The old homestead itself stood where today the Newport power station stands.

Starting out under the name of Mount Pleasant, the house was next known as the Hobson River Farm.

However, most people in the district simply knew of the homestead and acreage as "Hall's Farm".

William Hall used his land to grow vegetables and fruit, and the Royal Agricultural Society awarded him two gold and 14 silver medals for his exhibits at the annual show.

When he sold the property in 1884 he gained more for each acre than he originally paid for the

lot. The land was sold at £117 an acre, and Hall could retire with savings of £117,000 (\$234,000).

The syndicate had bought the 100 acres for building blocks, and had the land surveyed. But it wasn't until 1914 that the old homestead was pulled down to make way for the power station.

William Hall died in 1889 at the age of 89 — and left his mark on five Newport Streets: William, Hall, Hobson, River and Farm.

His grandson, Thomas Victor Hall, died in 1953 at the age of 81 at his home in Forrest Street, Spotswood.

Members of the family still live in the district.

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KING'S TOWN

King William IV, known in his day as "the sailor king", is the origin of Williamstown's name.

He reigned in Britain from 1830-1837, and was the uncle of Queen Victoria.

Music evening did not draw crowd

The Creation, a musical presentation held at the Mechanics' Institute in July, 1868, was not noted for its crowd-drawing potential.

Says the Williamstown Chronicle's critic:

"The performance of The Creation on Monday evening was attended by an audience more discriminating and intelligent than numerous.

"Upwards of 60 members of the Philharmonic Society were present in the orchestra, and the choruses were rendered with precision and power, particularly the Heavens Are Telling.

"The solos were entrusted to Miss Staff, Miss Pitts, Mr. Beaumont and the secretary of the society.

"Mention may be made of the rendition of On Mighty Pines, by the first mentioned lady, whose voice, though not powerful, was clear, flexible and of good intonation.

"Miss Pitts sang With Verdure Clad, very nicely, and in the duet in the third part, acquitted herself with credit.

"Mr. Beaumont's efforts were much marred by a severe cold, with sore throat, under which he labored at times most painfully.

"The bass solos and recitatives throughout the whole work were given by Mr. Moxon, who pretty well sustained the arduous roll allotted him, though it must be said he was somewhat at sea in Rolling In Foaming Billows.

"Mr. David Lee both conducted and presided at the harmonium, his playing of the latter being a most masterly performance.

"Those knowing the instrument were surprised to hear so much music could be got out of it.

"We are afraid the funds of the institution will be benefited to a very limited extent."

Slipway has long link with city

Knights Slipway, in Nelson Place, Williamstown, has been part of the waterfront scene for almost 100 years.

It was originally built by one John Legg and operated in conjunction with Gunn's Slipway, a short distance away.

A fellow called Mathews then took it over for a short time before it was bought by William Knights, who operated it until his death, in 1903.

His widow died in 1940 at the age of 93.

William Knights junior took over on his father's death and continued to operate and improve the yard until his death in 1960.

Fine schooners, ketches and yachts were built in this yard and launched from the slipway. These included the Daisy Knights, designed and built by a fellow named McKenzie.

The Knights operated a fleet across Bass Strait for many years carrying, in the closing years of its service, mainly Port Phillip.

lip shell grit to provide the raw materials for lime.

The Helen Moore, one of the Knights fleet, was renamed Thistle for the re-enactment in 1934 of the Henty family's landing at Portland during the Victorian centenary celebrations.

William Knights was not always lucky with his ships.

During the 1920s he lost the ketches Elsmore and Evergreen while trading between Williamstown and Tasmania.

In 1925 the Laleeta was lost. It is believed this vessel went down within 24 hours of leaving South Australia with a cargo of barley.

The slipway today has been modernised and caters mainly for owners of pleasure craft and fishermen.

'Craigantina,' a site of 'Town history

The land where the Craigantina Buildings stand, in Nelson Place, can probably boast a more interesting past than the building itself.

The early village green was situated there, almost right from the first year of settlement.

On this spot then were the stocks — where the wrong-doers of the day were punished for minor breakings of the law.

Later the site became part of the Customs Reserve at the Aitken Street corner, where the old stone pilot's office stood until it had to be demolished for the safety of the public.

John Harkes Craig, a worthy Scot who had emigrated to Victoria, went on the goldfields and made a small fortune, then came to Williamstown in the hope of increasing his wealth.

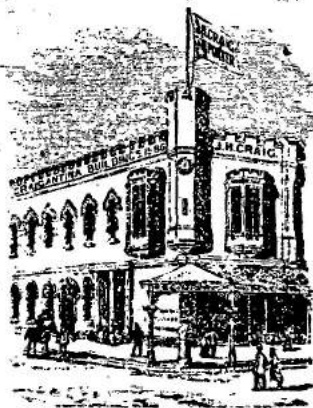
Craig became a prominent citizen and councillor of the municipality.

He bought the block of land at the corner of Thompson Street and Nelson Place, and had the Craigantina Buildings erected for him in 1886.

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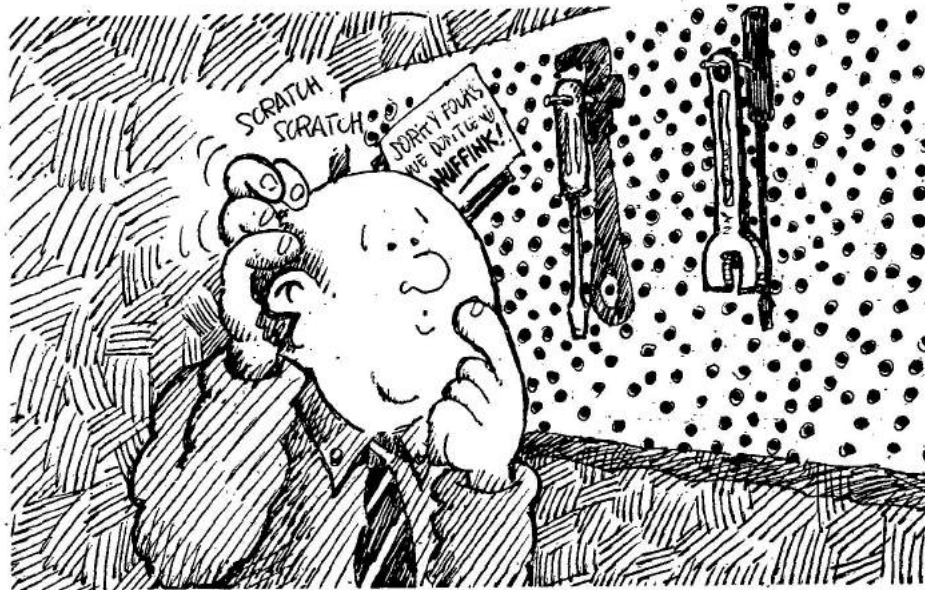
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baller and cricketer,
died last Saturday.**Mr. Warland, 84, had
lived in Williamstown all
his life.During World War I he
served with the Seventh
Battalion and fought sev-
eral overseas campaigns,
including Gallipoli.He was a member of the
Williamstown RSL.In his earlier days he
was a member of both the
Williamstown cricket and
football clubs touring Hob-
art with the football club
back in 1913.Mr. Warland worked at
the Port Melbourne Dock-
yards for more than 40
years, retiring when he
was 70 as a wharf fore-
man.Mr. Warland, of Prin-
cess Street, Williamstown,
is survived by his children,
Margaret and Max. He is
predeceased by his wife,
Elizabeth.A service was held at
Weights Chapel, Williams-
town, this morning
(Wednesday) at 11.15 a.m.**Altona
fall
to pace**Visiting Oakleigh
at Mt. Waverley,
Altona bats fell to
an all-out pace at-
tack, and were all
out for a meagre 81.Ken Hansen, with a
solid 24, was the only
batsman who looked
confident.Oakleigh batted, and Al-
tona fought back well to
have them all out for 131.Ron Cassar 4/33, Ken
Hansen 3/32 and Mike
Calay 2/30, all bowled
well.Altona will have to pull
something out of the bag
to get any points from this
game.At home, the seconds
produced a solid batting
performance.After the loss of an
early wicket, Mike
Orant 41, and Max Stevens
consolidated. Hosking 21,
Wilson 24, Costello 22 and
Carton 20, all contributed
to what should be a win-
ning score.**THIRDS**The thirds look out of
the race for the outright
win needed for a berth
in the finals.Things started badly
with the loss of the toss
and Altona were sent in to
finish at 7/146 at the clo-
sure.Ken Duff led the way
with 52, supported by
Geoff Blockeruss 17, Ken
Clayton 21, and Peter Ste-
vens 15.Newport ANA replied
with 1/87.The Under 14 side,
coached by Dick Conradis,
came very close to a big
win against Newport Base-
ballers.Altona knocked up 7/80
with Rafferty 26 n.o., but
Newport replied with 82.In the Under 16 semi
final, Altona did well to
dismiss Willi-Meths
for 100. Bowlers Eddy
Halsall 2/39, Doyle 3/8
and Mather 4/25, proved
too strong.In reply, Altona are
0/25 and look like contin-
uing their unbeaten run.**Training**Newport Central
Football Club players
have started training on
Mondays and Wednes-
days at 5 p.m.Both last season's senior
coaches have been re-ap-
pointed. They are Damien
Hynes for the Firsts and
Ken Storey who is coach-
ing the Seconds.The club plans to field
two senior sides and two
junior teams this season
— under 11 and under 13.
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competition at the West-
gate Golf Club on Sunday
are:B grade, R. Mantel, C.
Grade, H. McIntosh (41),
Associates, T. Feather-
stone (31).Coming events: Satur-
day February 28, nine-hole
competition all day follow-
ed by a basket tea in the
club rooms, Sunday,
February 29, mixed Cana-
dian guests' day and
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MACCULLUM, Roy. — In memory of my dear husband and loving father of George and family. Passed away 20-2-74. The golden gates stood open. Two years ago today. With farewells left unspoken. Quietly passed away. Inserted by your loving wife Grace.

MACLEOD, Roderick. — Passed away February 24, 1975. Deep in our hearts memories are kept of the one we all loved and never forget. Loved wife Mavis, daughter Valerie and sons Malcolm and Ian.

NASH, Arthur William. — Passed away 24-2-67. Your memory, always in our hearts. There forever never to part. Mum, dad and Joan.

WARLON, Theodore. — Late 7th Battalion, AIF. We miss you mate at the Gallipoli legion of Anzacs, but will always remember you. Thomas Pohl.

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- Recreation and Leisure (Provision and development of existing and future passive and active recreation facilities, and production of an overall Recreation Plan for the Municipality).
- Education, Social and Community Services (To encourage Council's participation in the operation, development and use of local schools, and provide for the Social and Community needs of the residents within as wide a range of services and facilities as possible).
- Housing and Transport (To encourage future development and environmental improvements in Shopping Centres, off-street parking facilities, public transport services, and an upgraded road system within the municipality).
- Conservation (To ensure the Municipality's promotion of an overall structure for the municipality to ensure that the Municipality's unique scenic, historical, and landscape qualities can be appreciated and enhanced).
- Industrial Development (To encourage industrial development in appropriate zones to encourage job opportunities to meet the needs of the resident workforce and improve the Municipality's rate base).
- Resource and Forward Planning (To establish and maintain an accurate assessment of the Municipality's resources, both immediate and long term, with a view to seeking and securing from Federal, State or Regional sources to correct such deficiencies, to exercise all acceptable options to develop under-utilised valuable land and obtain optimum benefit).

Members of these Committees are held approximately once a month at the Town Hall at 8 p.m. to consider appropriate matters referred to them by Council for investigation and subsequent report back to Council. Council desires to extend an invitation to residents who may have a special interest and expertise in any of the areas set out above to attend these meetings. Strategy Plan report, particularly pages 39 to 53 which refer to it is suggested that residents who may be interested purchase a copy of this report. It is available for perusal at the Town Clerk's office or the City Library. A limited number of copies are available for purchase at \$10.00.

It is further suggested that residents interested in participating in discussions at the Specialist Committee meetings, kindly advise the Town Clerk in writing of their particular interest so that advice on the meeting dates and agenda items can be given where appropriate.

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A factory supervisor told Mr. D. Scully, SM, in the Williamstown Court on Thursday that he had given up "the drink".

Loreto Sultana, of Blackshaws Road, North Altona, was granted his application for restoration of his driving licence.

Sultana was fined \$100 and disqualified for driving for six months in September last year on a .05 charge.

He told Mr. Scully he "gave the drink away" after the case and he had only sipped a small glass of beer since then — at a funeral four months ago.

Asked why he wanted his licence now, Sultana said he worked as a factory supervisor at Derimut and there was no public transport available. "I am also on 24 hour call, and have to use taxis to get to the factory if I'm needed after hours," he added.

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At this meeting a weight watchers therapy group will be formed. There will be no strict diets, everything will be left up to the individual member — but there will be a little prize (food?) for the member who does best each month. Already 20 members have indicated their willingness to join.

The club had a marvellous Christmas break-up in the form of a barbecue. The club is preparing to formulate its programme for the first half of the year.

It is seeking to greatly increase membership.

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Work hopes improve

Renewed business confidence in the western suburbs is leading to improved employment prospects according to the endorsed Liberal candidate for the State seat of Williamstown, Mr. Ted Feeney.

He says if the improvement continues, job outlooks for recent school leavers might not be as bleak as they at first appeared.

Mr. Feeney says he has been monitoring job opportunities in his electorate very closely in the last year.

Since his endorsement he had been approached by companies who were unable to satisfy their staff needs — even at this early stage of the recovery.

Mr. Feeney says he would be happy to bring together job applicants in all fields, from laboring through semi-skilled, and those companies he knew to be seeking staff.

He said the upturn appeared to have started a month or so before the election in anticipation of the eventual result, and to have continued.

However he feels its continuation is dependent on the success of the Federal Government in curbing inflation.

Mr. Feeney said he was personally aware of the need to maintain business confidence because the im-

Camera

Mr. Larry Flemming will be guest at the next meeting of the Altona Camera Club, at The Homestead, Queen Street on Friday, February 27.

He will show a movie of his trip to the USA and Canada. Members will also show their photographs for their interpretation of a poster.

NSW duck laws

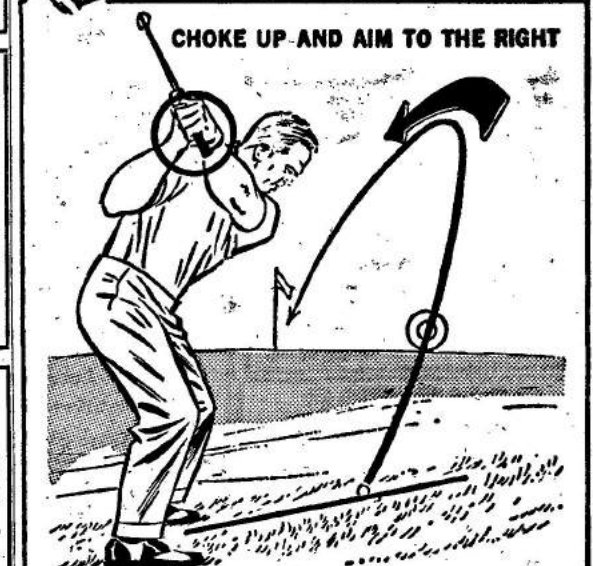
The NSW duck season opens on March 13, the same day as the Victorian season, and licences, costing \$8 will be on sale at two Victorian locations.

Pensioners can get a free licence on production of their cards.

Licences will be on sale from about February 29 at the New South Wales Government Tourist Bureau in Little Collins Street, Melbourne, and from the Victoria office, Deakin Street, Mildura, from about March 6.

In New South Wales they are available from any Clerk of Petty Sessions or any officer of the National Parks and Wildlife Service.

There are considerable requirements and restrictions on duck shooters in NSW and a phone call to Sydney, 27 9711 or Griffiths (069) 62 4117 would be helpful to any Victorian going interstate to shoot.

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Second, aim a bit to the right of the target. The ball will have a tendency to pull to the left from such a lie. Aiming to the right of target will bring it in towards the flagstick.

As for the swing itself from such a lie, try to make it just as you normally would on a shot from level ground.

Tactics, record win aths final

The under-15 side was the only winner for the Williamstown Amateur Athletic Club in the venue finals at the weekend.

However, it took a bit of intrigue and a record long jump from the Orchard family to organise the win.

On Friday night, Mr. Orchard worked it out that Alec Yankos and Shane Baldock should swap places in the hurdles and shot put — which they did.

Then, coming to the last event, the long jump, Williamstown was tied with Hakoah-Ajax on 102 points.

Son, Bruce Orchard, turned in a club record to win the event and clinch the victory for the side.

Best performances: Bruce Orchard, long jump 20ft, club record; Lex Meakim 1500 m walk, 8.52, personal best; Charlie Yankos, 90m hurdles, 14.7, personal best; Alex

Yankos, shot put, 11.82m; Shane Baldock, javelin 39.50m; and high jump, 1.70m.

The under 14 team was soundly beaten, but the three-man side never stopped trying. John Martyn was in fine form breaking two club records, long jump 17'1" and 80m hurdles 13.3.

Brendan McKay and Darren Greaves were the other members of the team.

Sub Junior B also had problems. Lacking a couple of members of the team they were never really in the race. Stuart Barga ran his best 200m, 24.0 to win his heat.

Chris Lowden won the long jump in 18'11 1/4" and Ross Williams ran his equal best of 2.21 in the 800m.

Sub Junior A finished a distant second to Old Xaverians.

Daryl Whinney ran his best 200m, 23.4 for third place in his heat; he also ran his best in the hurdles, 17.6. Mathew Webster ran a personal best in the same heat, 18.9.

All three 800m runners returned personal best times. Greg McKay won easily in 1.57, with Paul Markopoulos third in 2.04.9 and Gary Hall fifth in 2.05.8. Greg McKay was second in the 3000m in 9.42.2.

The senior B grade side didn't do much better, finishing third, one point ahead of Footscray.

John Steward returned 7.04.3 in the 1500m walk, and Shane Doolley ran 57.4 in the 400m hurdles. He later ran 16.4 for the high hurdles. Brian Davidson ran 16.2 in the high hurdles and won the long jump with a leap of 22'8 1/4".

Terry Phelan ran 1.57.6 for the 800m and John Handley was 1.59.7. Eric Keranen and Barry Wheat ran 16.29.7 and 16.28.8 respectively in the 5000m.

2 make short work of Dandy batsmen

Andy Gibson and Les Joslin made short work of the Dandenong bats on Saturday.

They each took five wickets, leaving Dandenong all out for 157.

Williamstown batted and lost 3/45. But on current form with Kev Tweedly and Les Joslin not out, they should manage the necessary 113 to win the game on Saturday.

Dandenong lost Johnson after he made their only 12 runs on the board. He was caught by Barry McConnell off Andy Gibson.

Two runs later the other opener, Parker, was

caught by Gibson and Joslin had his first. Whitmore and Burke added 67 until Joslin bowled Whitmore. After making 55 runs Burke was out and Joslin had his third scalp.

The wickets of Dicker, Humphrey, Wall and Mack fell in 15 runs and the 'Dandys' were 8/139.

Nicol went when they were 157 and Gibson then bowled his opposing opening bowler Schone-

chance to score.

Williamstown batted and Les Meyers was caught 1/0. John James and Kev Tweedly put on 16 runs until James was lbw to give Schoneville his second wicket. 'Jesse' had made 6 when another lbw decision, this time against Noel Macleod, put against Noel Macleod, put the 'Gulls in trouble' at 3/16. Joslin and Tweedly took the score to 45, without further loss. Stumps score is 3/45.

'Scores Dandenong: Johnson c Barry McConnell b Andy Gibson 12; Parker c Gibson b Les Joslin 0; Burke b Les Joslin 53; Whitmore b Joslin 38; Wall c McConnell b Joslin 22; Dicker c McConnell b Joslin 1; Humphrey c Noel Macleod b Gibson 0; Nicola c Les Meyers b Joslin 11; Mack lbw Lea Joslin 8; Clark not out 8; Schoneville b Gibson 0; sundries 6. Total 157.

Bowling Jim Hallett 4 overs 0/26, Andy Gibson 12.2 overs 3 mds. 5/25, Les Joslin 25 overs 8 mds. 5/66 and Barry McConnell 11 bowled 15 overs 1 mdn. unsuccessfully 0/34.

Williamstown: Les Meyers c Dicker b Schoneville 0; John James lbw Schoneville 6; Noel Macleod lbw Schoneville 0; Kev Tweedly not out 18. Sundries 3. 3/45 at stumps.

SECONDS
Batting with one player short, Dandenong was 9/148. A highlight of the innings was the fine catching of young David Jordan the keeper — he took three.

Laurie Hewet took 3/30 off 15 overs and was the best of the Williamstown attack. He was supported by Peter Whitebourne, 2/22, Andrew MacInnes 2/25, and John Fowler 1/16.

Williamstown was 2/36 at 6 p.m. Phil McTaggart 17 and Gary Lang 10 were the batsmen to be dismissed. Park on one and David Jordan three were the overnight bats.

THIRDS
The thirds must win outright to get into the four and they look like doing so in their game at Fitzroy.

Dave Thom sent the home side in and his judgement proved right as he had them all out for 109.

Gary Brennan took 3/33, Peter Thatcher 3/26 and Dave Thom 2/16. Williamstown declared at 5/122 with Gary Matty batting through 36 not out.

Rob Penrose made 35, Andy Davies 20 and Trevor Smith 21. Fitzroy batted again and was 2/13 at stumps. Gary Brennan took 2/7 and one of his victims was caught brilliantly by Steven Taafe. This is the second week in a row that Taafe has taken an astonishing catch.

Young David Jordan paired with golfer Roy Patton were the golfers of the day at Koorling.

REBELS JUST MAKE IT

In round 12 of the Western Suburbs Badminton Association, Rebels just beat Scots in B3 grade to stay in second place while top team Yarraville Methodist had an easy win against East Keilor.

A Grade: WHS Destroyers 12/183 d. St. Andrew's, Footscray 4/153, Williamstown Methodist Purple 12/207 d. St. Andrew's Williamstown 4/175; Sunshine 14/192 d. Williamstown Methodist Gold 0/0. **B1:** Williamstown Methodist 7/157 d. Newport Presbyterian 4/152; East Keilor 7/152 d. Sunshine Blue 4/147; Laverton High School 11/189 d. Sunshine Red 0/0. **B2:** Newport Presbyterian 10/184 d. WHS

Voyagers 1/87; North Essendon Presbyterian 11/189 d. WHS Derwent 0/0; RAAF 7/157 d. St. Andrew's Footscray 4/140. **B3:** Tullamarine 9/159 d. YMCA 2/140; Rebels 6/146 d. Scots 5/139; Sunshine 8/160 d. Newport Presbyterian 3/145; Yarraville Methodist 9/190 d. East Keilor 2/119. **C1:** Gisborne 6/158 d. Tullamarine 5/153; Strathmore High School 8/163 d. East Keilor 3/143; Williamstown Methodist 10/186 d. RAAF 1/118.

C2: East Keilor 8/173 d. WHS Finders 3/125; Laverton High School 9/183 d. Yarraville Methodist 2/116; North Essendon Presbyterian 7/167 d. St. Andrew's Footscray 4/155; Diggers d. Laverton Memorial w/o. **C3:** Sunshine 11/189 d. RAAF 0/88; Strathmore High School 11/189 d. East Keilor 0/58; North Essendon Presbyterian 11/189 d. Tullamarine 0/39.

D1: Newport Presbyterian 7/156 d. Gisborne White 4/140; Gisborne Blue 8/157 d. RAAF 3/127; North Essendon Presbyterian 9/179 d. St. Andrew's Footscray 2/105. **D2:** Strathmore High School Lanark 10/185 d. YMCA 1/70; WHS Cerberus 10/189 d. North Essendon Presbyterian 1/91; Try Youth Tigers d. WHS Arrows w/o.

Women beat AWMC

The Altona women bowlers' D1 team beat the Altona Working Men's Club 44-43 at the weekend.

All lost to Rosamond 97-101, with the best rink led by R. Fisher winning 36-19. B2 lost to West Coburg 83-94, but T. Mitchell's rink won 35-14.

Women's bowls

Altona Working Men's Club women's outdoor bowls members held their annual gold day earlier this month.

After play-off to yardstick, A. Klemm's team from Newport was awarded the winning trophies. A. Carr's team from Altona Bowling Club took the runners-up trophy.

Pennant results, February 2: C1 beat Sunshine VRI by 59 shots; D1 had a bye. February 12: C1 beat City of Melbourne by 10 shots and D1 beat Williamstown 3 by one shot.

Bully for the boys

Altona will meet St. Kilda in the grand final of the summer hockey competition.

The boys, from A-reserve, beat Fairfield in the semi-final 2-1. Best players were S. Taylor, B. Smith and A. Challis, and goals were hit by Challis and G. Richardson.

Coach, Rick Purser and his selectors believe Altona will be a real force in A2 winter hockey.

Table tennis: WHS stars

Results:
A Reserve No. 2: WHS Destroyers 9 (Barry Oldham 3, L. Luciano Azzopardi 3, David Elmslie 2, doubles 1 d. Commodores 2).

Deferred match: WHS Destroyers 9 (Barry Oldham 3, Luciano Azzopardi 3, David Elmslie 2, doubles 1 d. Altona West 2).

B Grade: WHS Nilson 7 (Paul Miles 3, Gary Richardson 3, Doubles 1 d. Midway 4. WHS Anchors 6 (Garry Azzopardi 3, Garry Hoffman 2, Nick de Fina 1, doubles 1 d. Footscray YMCA Red 5).

C2: WHS Halloran 7 (Tommy Chan 3, Geoff Van Wyngaarden 2, Doubles 1 d. Newport Post Office 4).

C3: Corrugated Fibre Containers d. WHS Playboys 5 (Terry Fogarty 2, Andrew Gibson 2, doubles 1).

D1: WHS Mafia 11 (Michael Ford 3, Chris Elliott 3, Claudio Azzopardi 3, doubles 2 d. Celts 0).

D2: WHS Cuthbros 11 (Peter Nedeljkovic 3, Jason Warland 3, Rob Gaggno 3, doubles 2 d. Tut's Zephyrs 0. Altona 8 d. WHS Cordell 5 (Peter

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The town clerk, Mr. Syd Fell, said grounds were now being allocated, and clubs should get their applications in "immediately".

Williamstown High School Table Tennis Club was very successful in round 13 of the Western Suburbs Table Tennis Association's summer pennant.

D3: WHS Moes 11 (Ian Kenins 3, Kevin Innes 3, Paul Maligerog 3, doubles 2 d. Dons 0). Footscray YMCA orange 6 d. WHS Forecast 5 (Len Carter 2, Ron Sharples 1, Alan Malbon 1, doubles 1).

E1: WHS Beatnics 11 (Anthony Watts 3, David Doord 3, Curt Ainslie 3, doubles 2 d. WUFC B O. WHS Texans 11 (Leanne Addison 3, Carolyn Porter 3, Nick De Fina 3, doubles 2 d. West Players 0. WHS Marijuana 77 (Greg Clark-son 2, Arthur Tsilbakis 2, Elias Byrgiotis 1, doubles 2) d. Seaholme 4. WHS Dykers 9 (Jim Clerk 3, GAVIN Erickson 2, Peter Fullwood 2, doubles 2) d. WHS Seagulls 2 (Ian Birch 2).

A4: d. Footscray RSL 124-85. Best rink: A. Richards, R. White, L. Parker, A. Hewet; 40-12. Reserve 3 d. Bundoora, 115-91. Best rink: R. Wilkinson, S. McCallum, J. Evans, J. De Piazza; 35-19. B3 d. Footscray Park, 97-84. Best rink: A. Ford, A. Parker, G. Hill, A. Asher; 29-13. Spoon winners: A. Hewet's rink.

Bowlers score

The Williamstown Bowling Club had a successful round last Saturday with three teams recording good wins.

Only side to lose was B5 who went down, 73-129, against City of Melbourne. All rinks were down.

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Frazer takes ANA bats to the lead

After compiling 9/232, Newport ANA Firsts are in a strong position against La Trobe University.

ANA won the toss and batted but wickets fell steadily until the score stood at 5/33.

An even-time innings of 77 n.o. by John Fraser, which included 11 fours and a six, helped bring the batsmen back on top.

Other run-getters were John Becroft, 68, and Geoff Horsburgh 34.

SECONDS
ANA is tussling with Altona for a finals berth.

Altona batted first and declared at 7/145 in an effort to force an outright.

ANA wicket-takers were McDonald, three, Enright, two, Leathers and Neville, one each.

ANA hit back with 1/6. Highlight was the partnership by the McDonald Brothers Peter, 38, and David, 37 n.o.

JUNIORS
ANA is on the brink of defeat in the finals match against the powerful Williamstown CYMS.

ANA managed 45 runs and captain Brett McTaggart, with 23 was the only one to reach double figures.

In reply, CYMS is 4/70.

ANA's drastic position has been caused largely by one opposition player, Bill Marr. He took 9/14 and then scored a stylish 40 runs.

Newport baseballers play for Victoria

WITH "HOOK"

Newport Baseball Club pitcher, Rick Bunting, and short stop, Geoff Lynch, have been selected to represent Victoria against Tasmania on Sunday and Monday, March 7 and 8.

Sunday saw the last of the home and home games of summer baseball in what must be the most farcical season on record.

So many games were taken from winning teams for playing ineligible players. The final four does not see that best teams

competing.

Unless this ridiculous eight-game qualifying rule is changed, next season's summer pennant will be struggling to get enough teams to form a competition.

Results: Newport A beat Newport B 10-4. Hits: Newport B 7, Newport A stages, 1

10. Safe Hits: B. team. Duggan 3, Ivey 2, James and Merriman one each. A. team, H. Bunting, Cromwell 2, Forrester, Lynch, Thompson, Minnet, Bell, R. Bunting, one each.

The A team was on top early, but became complacent in the latter stages, 1

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